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WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	7.10
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	7.31
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	7.44
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.39	1.54	5.14	7.49
Fanning...Dep.	7.33	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.27	8.02
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.38	10.12	11.27	12.57	2.12	5.32	8.07
Shum-chun...Arr.	7.42	10.16	11.31	13.01	2.16	5.36	8.11

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun...Dep.	7.21	9.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.28	9.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	9.23	10.56	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.42	9.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34
Tai-po...Dep.	7.46	9.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	9.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	5.51
Yau-mat...Dep.	8.12	9.56	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.04
Kowloon...Arr.	8.30	9.03	11.37	12.41	4.08	5.16	6.11

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.22	5.39
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.05
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.21	—	9.55	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09
Fanning...Dep.	7.33	—	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.11	6.20
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.38	9.12	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	6.24
Shum-chun...Arr.	7.42	9.16	10.11	11.26	13.01	3.21	6.30

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Shum-chun...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.09
Shung-shui...Dep.	8.19	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.18
Fanning...Dep.	8.22	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	—	6.20
Tai-po Market...Dep.	8.23	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	—	6.24
Tai-po...Dep.	8.27	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	—	6.28
Shatin...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.55	—	6.47
Yau-mat...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.07	—	6.59
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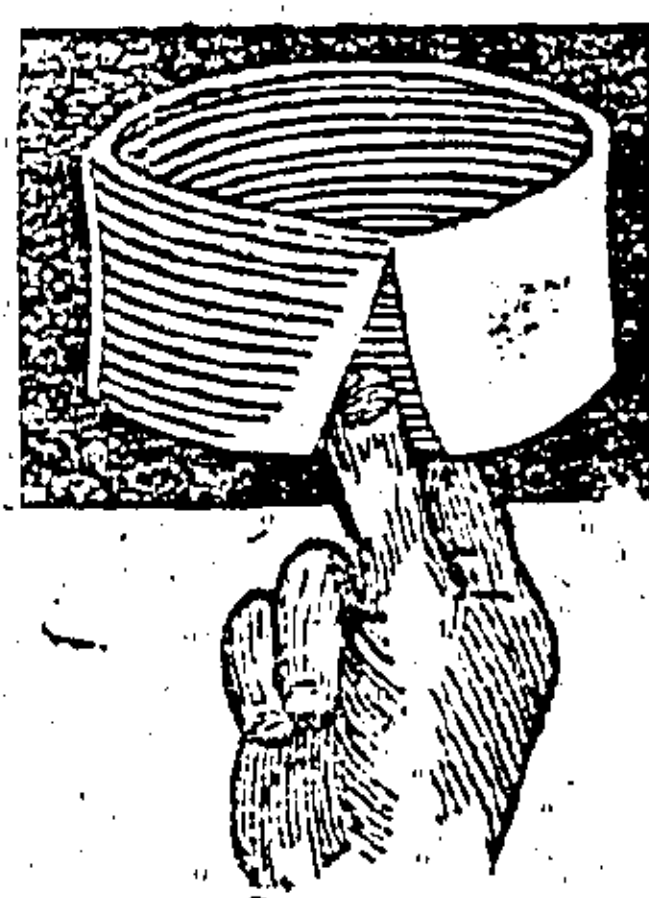
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BOY EMPEROR'S LIFE IN EXILE.

BOXING AND JAZZ.

Sir Percival Phillips, the special Cor-
respondent of the *Daily Mail*, who has
been making an investigation into the
condition of China wrote from Tientsin,
on December 3rd:—

Monarchs retired from business by the
pressure of their dissatisfied subjects
usually turn to some hobby with which to
fill in the vacant hours formerly dedica-
ted to affairs of state.

The ex-Kaiser saws wood at Doorn;
Ferdinand of Bulgaria plays chess; the
former King of the Hellenes is keen on
sport. To their number must be added
a younger brother in misfortune, the ex-
Emperor of China, who solaces himself
with boxing and jazz. He is the most
pathetic figure of all fallen royalties. Even
William Hohenzollern has not suffered
from sharper contrasts in life than this
timid, 19-years-old boy, the last of the
Manchu Emperors to sit on the Dragon
Throne.

Hsuan T'ung, nephew of Kuang Hsi and
grand-nephew of the late Empress
Dowager—that astute and masterful
woman known to her subjects as "the
old Buddha"—who is the end of the
Dynasty of Purity which reigned in China
for nearly 300 years, is now merely Mr.
Henry Pu of Tientsin.

ROY COURT.

He holds a kind of toy Court in a
secluded mansion in the heart of the
Japanese concession. Perhaps 60 Man-
chus remain at his side—attendants,
bannermen, eunuchs, and the official and
unofficial wives that comprise his house-
hold. The remainder, more than 10,000
persons in all, are living in dire poverty
in Peking, many of them actually starv-
ing.

Mr. Henry Pu clings to the traditions
of his House. He observes the festivals
of the ancient calendar. He even holds
state functions to which European friends
are invited, when he decks his Imperial
robes with imitation jewels made by a
Tientsin jeweller to replace the treasures,
retained in Republican hands when he
left Peking a year ago for the last time.

You must try to imagine the former
splendour and the sacred mystery that
surrounded the Emperors of China to ap-
preciate the extent of Mr. Henry Pu's
fall. He and his forefathers lived in
awful seclusion. When they went beyond
the pink walls of the Forbidden City
their subjects had to remain indoors; and
entire streets were screened off, that the
Son of Heaven might not be contami-
nated by so much as a glance from pro-
fane eyes.

Foreign Ambassadors were, figuratively
speaking, worms of the earth. The
Manchu Court jealously guarded the
divine prerogatives of their master, and
all ceremonial was based on his celestial
origin.

ENGLISH TUTOR.

The other evening Mr. Henry Pu put
on a tail coat and a smart white tie and
attended a dinner party given in his
honour at the Astor House Hotel. After
dinner, which was in ordinary European
style, he strolled into the public lounge,
where a lively orchestra played the latest
jazz airs and he danced like the other
guests.

He danced quite well. The Chinese
ladies of his party wore native dress, and
they, too, obviously enjoyed the new
Western form of diversion. The Chinese
servants hovering at the door watched
Mr. Pu as they might watch the Herald
of the Day of Judgment.

The ex-Emperor has had an English
tutor, Mr. B. F. C. Johnston, for fifteen
years, and under the latter's care has
acquired a fair knowledge of European
affairs.

His earlier education was on tradi-
tional lines. When he was six years old,
the Imperial Board of Astronomy took
the matter in hand. The stars were con-
sulted. After other occult performances,
the wise men announced that the Im-
perial studies should "begin" at the Hour
of the Dragon on the 18th day of the
seventh moon. Two elderly pundits
were selected to ground him in the
ancient classics, and thus Mr. Pu be-
gan the cultivation of his mind.

Mr. Johnston changed all that. The
young Emperor was given instruction like
any ordinary English schoolboy. He was
a good pupil, and eager to learn about
the world beyond his gilded prison.

The result of his long training on
European lines can be seen in his modest
"palace." He receives visitors in a
drawing-room much like that in an ordi-
nary London home of the middle class.
English novels are lying about. Mr. Pu
wears European dress on these occa-
sions, and he will drink a whisky and
soda with quiet relish.

(Continued on next column.)

N.S.W. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE.

THE GOVERNOR'S POSITION.

Reports were current in December of
the possibility of the resignation of the
Governor of New South Wales, Sir
Dudley R. S. de Chair, in connection with
the Government's insistence on the ap-
pointment of 25 new members to the
Legislative Council, but these reports
have been authoritatively contradicted.

Official papers issued respecting these
appointments show that the negotiations
were initiated on November 24th last,
when the Governor [a Labour Minis-
ter] asked for the appointment of 25 new
members to give it a reasonable measure
of power to carry business through the
Council. The Governor, on November
26th, intimated that he had communicated
with the Secretary of State for the Domi-
nions. The reply (dated December 3rd)
of the Secretary to this communication
established that constitutional principles
required that the question should be
settled between the Governor and Minis-
ters, and that consequently he was unable
to give any instructions. The Governor
took this to mean that it placed the
powers of the Governor beyond question.
Replying to a question from the Governor,
Mr. Lang (the Premier) said the abolition
of the Council had not been considered,
and the appointment of 25 new members
would not end the Council's value as a
deliberative and revising Chamber.

The Governor on December 4th wrote
declining to appoint 25 councillors, but
agreeing to appoint 15. The Premier
declined this proposal, as the number was,
in his opinion, insufficient.

There was a break in the correspon-
dence of eight days. On December 16th
Mr. Lang asked for the immediate ap-
pointment of 25 new members. The
Governor, on December 17th, agreed
under protest, still holding to the opinion
that the number was more than was need-
ed. Four days later the Governor, in a
further communication to Mr. Lang, again
intimated that he was prepared, if neces-
sary, to appoint 25 new members, acting
on the advice of Ministers and the At-
torney-General's advice with respect to the
constitutional position.

SOVIET BAD FAITH.

SEIZED BRITISH PROPERTIES.

The City Editor of the *Daily Telegraph*
recently wrote:—

Labour leaders who have been abusing
our banks for not granting long credits
to Soviet buying agencies might learn
something if they would peruse the
speech of Mr. Leslie Uquhart at the
meeting of the Russo-Asiatic Consolidated
Company. When the properties of the
company were taken over by the Soviet
Government they were going concerns,
earning large profits. Since then the
plant and machinery have naturally de-
teriorated, and to get the mines and
works properly going again an outlay
of fully £1,500,000 is estimated to be
necessary. Moreover, at the time of
nationalisation the stocks of material and
partly-worked-up metals amounted to
£1,366,000 at cost price, and apart from
cash balances the stocks of gold, silver,
copper, lead, and zinc on hand were
valued at £1,740,000. Thus, in addition
to the properties, the Soviet seized
£3,100,000 of liquid assets. During the
negotiations it was always understood
that on the return of the properties a
part at least of the working capital would
be handed back, and the agreement signed
by Mr. Krassin on behalf of the Soviet
Government in September, 1922, under-
took to return more than £2,000,000,
which would have been used to re-
habilitate the enterprise. This agree-
ment was not finally ratified, and it now
appears that the Soviet Government is
unwilling to return any part of the liquid
assets that were confiscated. Under
these circumstances no one with any sense
is likely to find any fresh capital to work
the Russo-Asiatic properties—valuable as
they are—and this important undertaking
is at a standstill. However Mr. Krassin
can hope to obtain any credits here with
this illustration of his Government's atti-
tude to foreign capital is a continuing
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Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		H. Hong. Standard Time.	Height	L. Hong. Standard Time.	Height
Wed.	3	1 18	4 5	7 7	1 3
Thur.	4	0 23	5 7	6 11	2 3
Fri.	5	1 52	4 7	7 19	2 4
Sat.	6	1 19	5 2	8 15	2 4
Sun.	7	2 42	5 0	9 0	2 4
Mon.	8	3 41	4 8	10 51	3 0
Tues.	9	4 27	4 1	11 9	3 1
		5 43	3 59		
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		5 33	4 0		
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The vessel is a sister ship of the *Rawalpindi*, which was recently completed by the builders for the P. & O., and which a short time ago concluded a most successful maiden voyage to Bombay and back.

This latest acquisition to the P. & O. fleet is a magnificent vessel of 18,000 tons gross and of imposing dimensions—570ft. x 71ft. x 47ft. 6in.—and is intended for the owners' mail and passenger service between London and Bombay. She has been built with cruiser stern, and to Lloyd's highest class, and complies in all respects with the requirements of the International Convention for Lifesaving at Sea. The *Rajputana* is the ninety-first vessel delivered to the P. & O. Company from the builders' Greenock yard, a record which is a striking testimony to the community of interests existing between the two concerns.

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The second saloon accommodation is situated on the shelter and upper decks aft, and is arranged in two, three, and four-berth cabins, the two-berth rooms predominating. Here again the comfort of the passengers has been a primary consideration, all the fittings being of a most up-to-date character, and carried out on somewhat similar lines to those described for the first saloon accommodation. Wash-basins with fresh water laid on are provided in each room.

The public rooms in connection with both first and second saloon accommodation have received special attention, the treatment being on different lines from that of the sister ship *Rawalpindi*, and have been executed under the direction of Viscountess Incheape and her daughter, the Hon. Elsie Mackay.

The heating of public rooms, passenger and crew spaces throughout the vessel is carried out by means of electro-vapour radiators.

Special consideration has been given to the means of ventilation in view of the trying conditions obtaining at some periods of the Bombay run. Mechanical ventilation on the *Punkah* Louvre system with fans giving an ample supply of fresh air is fitted to all the public rooms, passenger accommodation and lavatories, officers and crew spaces, galleys, pantries and other offices, store rooms, baggage rooms and laundry. By this system passengers and crew can regulate the incoming air at will. Great attention has been paid to the dining saloons, the supply of air to which is on an extremely generous scale. Mechanical exhaust ventilation is provided by powerful fans which draws the vitiated air from Smoking Rooms, lavatories, galleys, pantries and their dependencies, store rooms, linen rooms and laundry.

Special attention has been given to all details of construction and equipment affecting the safety of the ship. Adequate subdivision is provided by twelve watertight bulkheads, extending to the shelter deck, and, in addition, the fore and aft oil bunkers along the ship's side abreast the boiler room are closely subdivided, thus forming an additional safeguard of undoubted value. The double (Continued on next column)

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE.

DEPORTATION AND THE LAW.

The judgments of the High Court at Sydney in the *Walsh and Johannsen* cases are unanimous in stating that a person domiciled in Australia before the federation cannot be classed as an immigrant for the purposes of the section of the Immigration Act under which the deportation proceedings were taken. Sir Adolph Knox, the Chief Justice, agreed with Mr. Justice Starke that the section was aimed at immigrants and not members of the Australian community, and did not extend to persons who had made homes in Australia. Parliament had authority to deport a person not belonging to the people of Australia, but it was impossible to maintain that either Mr. Walsh or Mr. Johannsen are immigrants. The section was valid as to the exercise of power to make laws dealing with immigration, but invalid as to the exercise of other powers.

Mr. Justice Isaacs said deportation was within the competency of Parliament. Once an immigrant, always an immigrant, was his view. Immigration was not obliterated for ever by the mere passage across the frontier and the momentary leap of a barrier which magically and instantaneously transformed a Hindu or a Kanaka into an Australian. If such was its meaning, the cherished national policy of Australia was imperilled. The peril was only nominally lessened if the Hindu or Kanaka by immediately adopting Australia as his home claimed the rights of a native Australian. If a person settled in Australia in 1925 engaged in terrorist and treasonable activities and Parliament prescribed deportation, was an immigrant arriving after 1924 and engaging in such practices immune? This was the first time in the history of British jurisprudence that such a doctrine had ever been pressed upon a Court. To uphold that ruling was entirely foreign to the theory and practice of the British Constitution.

bottom extends all fore and aft, and is divided into compartments for the carriage of oil fuel, fresh water and water ballast, while the fore and after peaks are also constructed for water ballast. All the watertight doors below the load waterline are electrically controlled from the navigating bridge by the Harland and Wolff system, in addition to the usual hand operated control gear.

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The *Rajputana* has been built from the designs of Mr. G. G. Deane, the P. & O. Company's Naval Architect, and like her sister vessel, the *Rawalpindi*, exhibits unusually graceful lines and nobility of appearance.

The propelling machinery, which has been constructed at the builders' Belfast Works, consists of two sets of quadruple expansion engines of the balanced type, developing about 10,000 I.H.P., supplied with steam at 215 lbs. pressure by 6 double-ended cylindrical boilers, fitted with forced draught and arranged for burning oil fuel.

WILL-MAKING IN 1926.

[BY A SOLICITOR.]

After this year the law will provide a very reasonable distribution of property for those who do not make wills, and the ordinary man may find that, without any effort on his part, it makes the will he wants—unless, of course, he wishes to give legacies to charities or persons who are not relatives.

On the whole though, even if the new rules of intestacy are quite satisfactory, it is better to make a will, for executors can deal with property more quickly and easily than administrators. In such case the mere appointment of executors by a properly attested will is sufficient, and it will be their duty to sell the estate and distribute the proceeds as directed by the new statute. This, of course, includes all the land, and the heir is abolished.

Wills settled by lawyers are likely to become much shorter and simpler, because some of the long clauses now found in them can be incorporated by reference to a statute or statutory forms issued by the Lord Chancellor. Take the case of a testator who had a son whom he regarded as a spendthrift, and wished to benefit without allowing him to take his legacy and squander it, or even to charge it. Once the lawyer would insert a lengthy provision enabling trustees to retain the capital and, in certain circumstances, to pay the income to the son's wife or children or other persons. Henceforth the trustees may simply be directed to hold "on protective trusts" for the son, and a section of the whole formula complete.

Probably some testators may not like this kind of legal shorthand and will prefer that the effect of their wills should appear clearly on the face, rather than have to be sought in statutes or printed forms. Such people can continue to have long wills as before, but the new scheme will be advisable if a will has to be made in a great hurry.

Hitherto there has been a rigid rule that marriage revoked a will.

The old law still holds good of a will made in the ordinary form, but it is now provided that a will made in contemplation of a particular marriage shall not be revoked. But the fiancé may note that marriage to a lady other than the one mentioned in the will revokes it as before, so that if he has the misfortune to be jilted, and quickly consoles himself, which sometimes happens, his death will not send his money in the wrong direction.

The new intestacy makes fair division in the normal case between surviving spouse and family, but in a special one it fails to do so. This is where a man who has saved a few hundred pounds, being left a widower with a young family, marries again and dies shortly after. In that case his wife takes everything and may send her stepchildren to the workhouse. A man in such circumstances should certainly make a will, for his widow might in her turn, soon marry again and his successor might wish to get rid of the children.

In the converse case a mother need not be uneasy, for the law imposes the same burden on her husband in respect of her children by another man as of his own.

Daily Mail.

SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA.

Notice is given in the *London Gazette* that the taking effect of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, has been postponed from July 1st next until January 1st, 1927. The operation of the Act, which is based on the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, has been postponed periodically. The Act was originally to have come into force on July 1st, 1915. Some of its provisions have since, in the light especially of the war experience, been much criticized in various quarters.

CHESS PLAYING.

LONDON BOY BEATS CAPABLANCA.

Capablanca, the world's champion chess player, who was recently twice defeated in a Moscow tournament, played forty-six games simultaneously in London on December 18th, states the *Daily Express*. He won 31 games, lost four, and drew eight. Rivkin, one of the players who defeated him, is a boy of fifteen.

Capablanca only arrived in England the previous morning, but he immediately accepted the challenge of the Macabean Society to play forty-six games at once. A few hours later he met his army of opponents at the Newman Galleries.

Forty-six chess players—old, middle-aged, and young, all looking solemn and most of them nervous—sat down in forty-six gilt chairs in front of forty-six chessboards on tables arranged in a hollow rectangle.

The master walked into the centre, and there was a sudden silence. Play had begun. Capablanca, with his left hand in his trouser pocket, gave a hurried glance at opponent No. 4, quickly made his opening move, took two steps to the right and repeated his performance. He did this forty-six times. The first moves were finished in less than eight minutes, and the next as quickly.

This went on for more than half an hour, until the master defeated the first of the forty-six at the fifth move. Not a sound was made, not even the cry of "Check." The master checkedmate the King in his stride and passed on the next board.

The stalwart forty-six were not all to be taken lightly by the master. There was a little group of four in one corner who made him pause occasionally. Rivkin, J. Birnberg, and the brothers Goldstein are "class" players, and Capablanca was not able to "fool" them. In fact they checkedmate him.

The master never hesitated for more than ten seconds, however. Once or twice an intrepid member of the forty-six made his answering move at once. Capablanca retaliated as quickly, and as he moved on east a sharp, amused glance at his opponent as much as to say "That will give you something to think about."

A *Daily Express* representative asked him at the tea interval what his secret was, and how he memorised all the games at once. Capablanca merely smiled and shrugged his shoulders.

"I am still the world's champion until I have been challenged and beaten," he said. "England will never produce a real master until many chess tournaments are organised in this country."

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FOR FEBRUARY, 1926.

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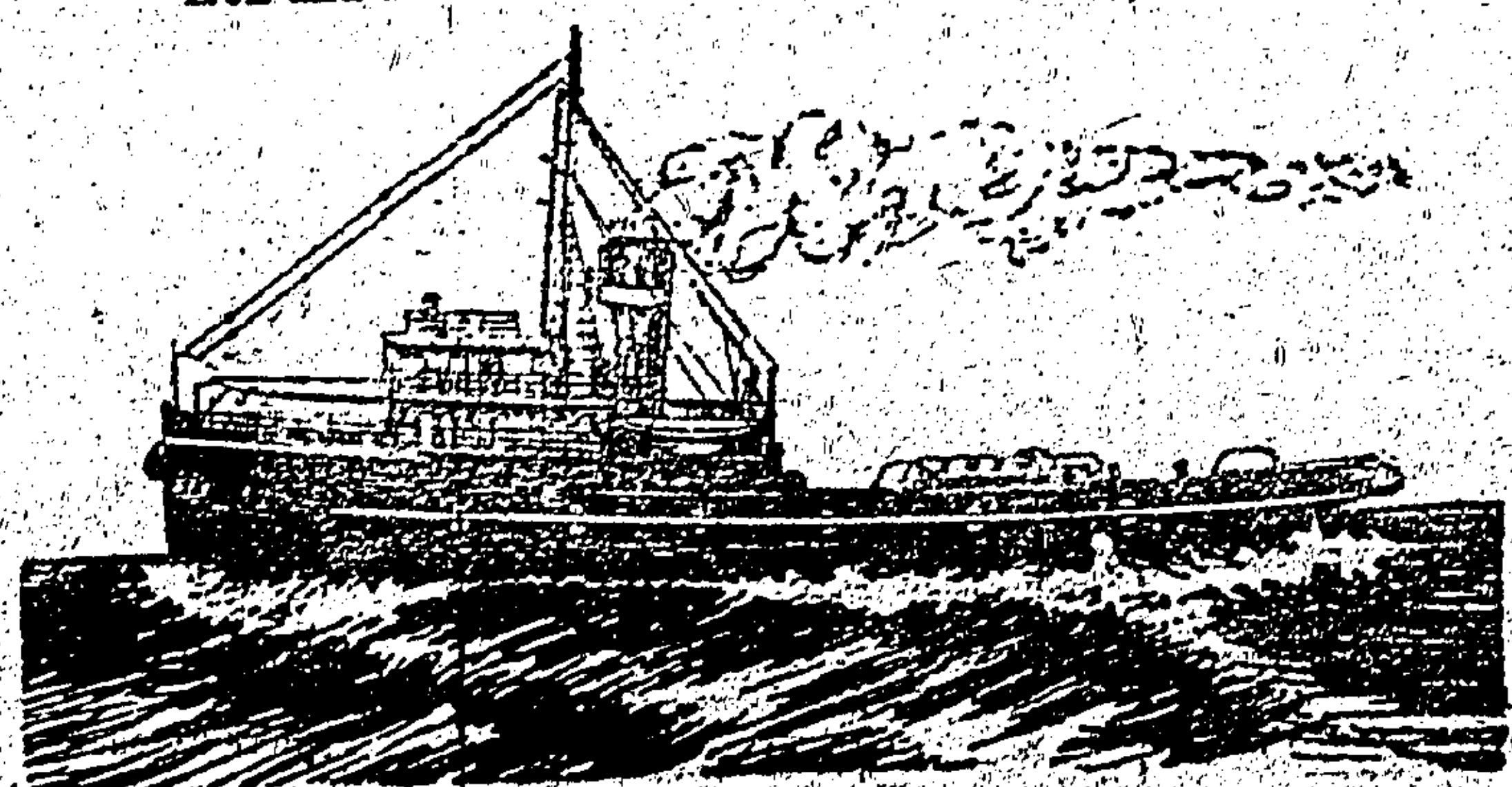
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RELAXATION OF REGULATIONS AT CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Political Commission of the Kuomintang Government in Canton, on January 28th, decided to advise the Canton Strike Committee and the anti-Japanese Invasion of Manchuria Society to curtail their activities for the time being. This friendly action of the Canton Government, it is understood, was communicated to the Japanese Consul-General in Canton on the 29th by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

It is reported that the Shamen authorities in Canton are still unable to admit as many Chinese into the foreign concession for banking purposes as the Kuomintang Trade Commissioner is prepared to issue permits for. The foreign banks, in the absence of their Chinese staffs, through whom practically all the routine is done, are afraid of the possible congestion of customers. Moreover, there is at present no idea as to how much the depositors will withdraw from the banks.

The Strike Committee in Canton has acquiesced in the public desire that its pickets should be instructed not to interfere too much with Canton-Hongkong traffic in the week before the Chinese New Year, so as to facilitate year-end settlement business between the two ports. Additional steamers will probably run to provide for the greater traffic expected. There is a proposal to petition the Government and the Strike Committee to grant a truce in the boycott for at least 15 days so that picket vigilance may be relaxed until after the 7th day of the 1st moon according to the Chinese calendar.

Since the occupation of Hoihow by the Kuomintang Army, the Canton Strike Committee has despatched there 300 strike pickets to enforce the "anti-imperialist" boycott and stop further trade and traffic among the Chinese between the island of Hainan and Hongkong.

Vessels having to traverse the western waters of Kwangtung are suspending operation until the Kuomintang is able to do something with the so-called "Black Fleet," a number of pirate launches under the Bolshevik red flag who prey on trading boats. As a matter of fact, the Bolsheviks themselves in Canton and vicinity never claim to be such; and it is evident that many pirates are simply using the red flag for the purpose of intimidating shipping people to submit to their searches.

MERCHANT KIDNAPPED.

\$150,000 RANSOM DEMANDED. HOW HE ESCAPED.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

A wealthy merchant of Kowloon was kidnapped about two months ago by a band of robbers under the leadership of the notorious bandit leader Yuen Kung, belonging to the Kwangtung Tong (the name of a bandit clan).

A man who happened to be kept in the same place and managed to escape, was able to give information of his whereabouts. It appears that the unfortunate man, who was 70 years of age, and for whom great anxiety was felt by his family, was daily playing Mah-jongg with the bandit leader and others, with four armed men guarding him.

When the old man was kidnapped his moustache was shaved by the robbers in order that he should not be easily recognised. The robbers took pains to find out that the old man has seven sons doing business in America and that they own properties worth more than a million dollars. Consequently they fixed the ransom at \$150,000. It is estimated that at least \$5,000 has been spent in efforts to get in touch with the old man, and his family had even offered \$80,000 for his release, but without avail.

On the night of the 28th ult., the old man suggested to two women bandits who for the first time acted as guards, that a reward of \$5,000 each would be paid if they would let him go free. This tempting offer was accepted and, under the pretext of sleeping soundly, the women permitted him to escape to a nearby village. Arriving there he immediately sent word to the magistrate for 300 soldiers to escort him back to his home. For the services rendered the old man has now presented 100 Mauser pistols to the villagers for self-defence.

CANTON TO FIGHT THE NORTH. EXPEDITION PROPOSED.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

General Chiang Kai Shek has spent most of his time lately at the Military Academy at Whampoa. A report just to hand says that General Chiang for the past few weeks has been in conference with his Russian advisers planning an expedition against the North. On the 30th ult., he came to Canton and submitted his proposals for the final approval of the Constitutionalist Government.

It is proposed to send immediately a combined force of one Division of Tang Kwai, or Revolutionary Troops, and as many well-trained Kwangsi soldiers as possible, to the South, in order to check the advance of General Tang Chi Yao, who is reported to have mobilized his troops ready to attack Kwangsi. Five Divisions of well-equipped Cantonese soldiers will be despatched northwards by way of Hunan. The reason given for the expedition at this time when the conditions in general are not entirely satisfactory is that, though an expedition was not intended until one year after the complete union of Kwangtung, the time is now considered opportune, as the northern militarists are at present busily engaged at war among themselves. General Sun Chuan Fang has, it is reported, signified his intention to assist General Chiang Kai Shek and Marshal Wu Pei Fu has already sent his personal representative to Canton to confer with General Chiang in this connection.

Mr. Wang Ching Wai, chairman of the Military Council, and General Tan Yan Kai's recent visit to Wuchow is said to have been in connection with an arrangement with Generals Li Chung Yan and Wang Shu Hung of Kwangsi to prepare and wait for the order to advance. General Chiang's visit to Shiu Kwan is also in connection with the military preparations along the east and western borders.

STRIKE PICKETS AT CHIN SHAN. IMPORTATION RESTRICTED.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

After the re-organisation of the Strike Pickets Corps a number of pickets arrived at Chin Shan, near Macao, with a view to blockade the inland and waterways leading to the Portuguese Colony. In view of the imminence of the Chinese New Year, however, a resolution was passed at a mass meeting of the villagers in that district, that importation by shopkeepers of such daily necessities as firewood, fish, etc., should be permitted, but no wine or groceries exceeding 30 catties. Cakes and other absolute necessities required for wedding purposes shall only be permitted if permission be first obtained from the Strike Pickets. The exportation of poultry, pigs and cattle is entirely prohibited.

JAPANESE ARRESTED. ALLEGED SMUGGLING OF HONGKONG GOODS.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

On the 30th ult., acting upon information received, Mr. Chan Kum Chuen, a member of the Investigation Department attached to the Strike Headquarters, arrested three Japanese at Tai Ping Road, South, for importing a number of cases of goods from Hongkong without the permission of the Strike Committee. They were first handed over to the Police and afterwards turned over to the Strikers Headquarters at East Garden.

THE S.S. "SARPEDON." RESUMED VOYAGE EASTWARD YESTERDAY.

Information has been received by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire that the Blue Funnel steamer *Sarpedon*, which according to Press information, was in collision with the *Germania*, was to resume her voyage from Liverpool to China ports yesterday (2nd).

She will sail homewards for Marseilles and London on April 7th as originally intended.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report at 5.30 p.m. yesterday: The anti-cyclone continues to weaken and is moving into the Sea of Japan. The typhoon is situated to the North East of Mindanao in about Lat. 10° N. Long. 127° E. and is probably moving slowly W.N.W. A fresh to moderate monsoon will prevail along the North-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, some drizzle or mist.

AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST THREE CHINESE.

A serious charge was preferred against three Chinese before Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when An Kin Liu, an unemployed Chinese, Lam Fook Chiu, master of a printer's shop, and another Chinese, were charged with alleged conspiracy to defraud the banking department of the Wing On Co. of \$30,000 by means of a forged deposit book.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Bulmer Johnson) prosecuted. Mr. T. G. Bennett represented the first and third defendants, and Mr. Gordon Lenak the second.

His Worship said that he understood that the \$30,000 obtained was not the property of the Company.

Mr. Jenkin said that the money was their property, and it had been obtained by a forged deposit book. Such a process was not uncommon in the Colony. A man would become a customer of a bank and open a deposit account, with the intention of withdrawing the money on a later day. The money would have been put up by a second person. At the expense of about \$10, another book would be made exactly similar to the deposit book, this being done by a third person. By means of these two books an attempt would be made to get the money twice, and the defendants were therefore charged with forgery as well as conspiracy. Owing to the seriousness of the charges, he opposed bail being granted to defendants.

Mr. Bennett asked for bail, but His Worship refused, and the case was adjourned until the morning of February 9th.

SHAUKIWAN SQUABBLE.

INDIAN CONSTABLE'S ABILITY TO SPEAK CHINESE.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Shaukiwian shopkeeper was charged with having assaulted an Indian constable.

Divisional Inspector Blackman said that the constable had remonstrated with the defendant for having goods outside his shop door, thereby causing obstruction.

The constable, in evidence, said that defendant was sitting in the middle of the road with a basket beside him, and refused to move away although he was requested three times to do so. A struggle then ensued in the course of which he (complainant) lost his watch and had his pockets torn.

Mr. Lindsell: Can you speak Chinese? If so, what certificate have you got?—I have a first class certificate.

His Worship thereupon requested him to repeat exactly what he had said to defendant. Witness complied and made a long statement, at the conclusion of which Mr. Lindsell remarked "very good, but not intelligible."

Defendant claimed that his clothing had been torn by the constable, and showed his tattered coat. He also pulled up his trousers and pointed out a bruise on his shin, which he vehemently stated had been caused by the constable.

Another Chinese, a shopkeeper in the Shaukiwian district for 24 years, said that defendant who had kept a shop for 29 years, was highly respected in the district. Defendant was discharged.

A BASE ROGUE.

STOLE HIS BENEFACTOR'S PROPERTY.

"You took advantage of a man's hospitality, and then stole his property," said Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in sentencing a Chinese to four weeks' hard labour for theft.

Inspector J. Ogg, who prosecuted, said that complainant was a mafio, and defendant lodged with him. On January 31st he decamped with a quantity of complainant's clothing. The same evening he was seen by complainant and, after a chase, was captured. In his possession were found a number of pawn-tickets and \$3.80. He had pawned the clothing for \$3.50.

The money found in defendant's possession was handed over to complainant to redeem his clothing.

BIG ARMS HAUL.

REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE "BENAVON."

FIVE DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED.

On December 19th, Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, accompanied by two European Officers and a party of Chinese Revenue Officers, visited the a.s. *Benavon* and discovered in the foremen's quarters in the fo'c'sle hidden in bags, baskets and boxes, 31 revolvers, one .450 Smith & Wesson, and 3,564 rounds of ammunition.

The Police Court proceedings in connection with this haul were continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when twelve Chinese appeared before a full Court of two magistrates (Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson) charged with the possession of arms or ammunition, or both.

Eight of the men were charged with the possession of nine revolvers and 923 rounds of ammunition and the remaining four with possession of some of the arms and ammunition.

A Chinese Revenue Officer, who took part in the search on the *Benavon*, said he found a rattan basket which was locked. It contained a revolver. It was also tied round several times with rope and had on it the Chinese characters Wan Sam (the fifth defendant).

Another Chinese Revenue Officer described the finding of another bag. On the top there was a jacket and underneath a heavy parcel which was later found to contain cartridges.

Evidence by another Chinese Revenue Officer concerned the finding of a rattan basket in which there were two revolvers and 200 rounds of ammunition. This basket was also locked and had to be forced open.

FIVE DISCHARGED.

No evidence was offered against the eighth defendant as there was only a bag bearing his name, which was found in one of the rattan baskets, to connect him with the charge.

The Bench accordingly discharged this man.

The other four men, charged with possession of some of the arms and ammunition, and who had been out on bail, were also discharged, as the police intimated that they offered no evidence against these defendants.

The first seven defendants were formally remanded until next Tuesday morning, when their Worships will appoint a date for hearing the defence of these men.

RINGLEADER CHARGED.

SEQUEL TO ATTACK ON THE POLICE.

Said to be the ringleader of the mob which attacked the police and freed their prisoners in Canton Road, Kowloon, on Sunday night, a Chinese appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning, on a charge of obstructing the Police and aiding and abetting the release of prisoners.

No evidence was given, and the man was remanded for a week.

CHILDREN IN COURT.

CHARGED WITH UNLICENCED HAWKING.

A Chinese boy was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with hawking vegetables without a licence. His mother, an earth carrier, who appeared in Court with a baby strapped on her back, said that the boy should have been in school.

The Magistrate (Major C. Willson) ordered that the lad should receive six strokes with the cane.

A Chinese who tried to release a little girl from the custody of an Indian constable was fined \$5. The girl, who had been found hawking without a licence, was not charged.

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N. B. M. SHAW,
Acting Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon and District.
York Buildings,
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1926. [3138]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be CLOSED FROM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th to THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1926. [3140]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW of FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1926.

Entries will be received up to 1 p.m. on MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but it is hoped that intending Exhibitors will send in their Entries as Early as Possible.

Schedules are now being printed and will be posted at an early date.

Members who have not yet paid their Subscription and All Those who wish to join the Society are kindly requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. JARDIN, MATHEWS & Co., Ltd. [3135]

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RENE D'ANJOU,
TREASURER,
CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION. [3137]

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS 7 PER CENT. LOAN 1921-1926.

HOLDERS of BONDS of the above Loan are reminded that their Bonds are Redeemable at Par on 1st MAY, 1926, after which Date all Interest will cease whether Payment of the Principal has been demanded or not.

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"BEARER BONDS" of the above Loan will be Paid for on Delivery at the TREASURER and some Post Offices in the Colony on or after the 1st MAY, 1926.

REGISTERED BONDS may at any time before 1st APRIL, 1926, be exchanged for BEARER BONDS at the TREASURY, Singapore. A Small Charge is made for the Exchange.

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INTIMATIONS

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NOTICE IS ACCORDINGLY HEREBY GIVEN that the Date for Payment of the FINAL CALL is POSTPONED to 1st APRIL, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipts already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the Date named therein were the 1st April, 1926.

For THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1926. [3123]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1926, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 16th FEBRUARY, 1926, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
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Hongkong, 28th January, 1926. [3121]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for countersignature.

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THE BRIGANDAGE IN

KWANGTUNG.

We imagine all law-abiding folk in the province of Kwangtung welcome with a sense of relief the news that a great scheme, formulated many months ago, for the suppression of piracy and brigandage throughout the province, stands some chance of being put into effect as soon as the China New Year holidays are over.

An outline of the general scheme was contributed to our columns by a Chinese correspondent on Monday. We were told that the operation of the scheme had been delayed until the military campaign was over, and that now that a single military control has been established throughout the province work can start simultaneously in all districts, the military and the navy co-operating with the local police. Everybody, of course, is aware of the terrible state of lawlessness that prevails in the province, and this scheme in itself shows clearly enough how bad the situation has become. We cannot, however, overlook the fact that Chinese officials, both Civil and Military, simply revel in formulating plans on paper, and very often when they are once published it is about the last that is ever heard of them. We hope this may not be the case with the present one. We should like to point out, however, that in the published outline of the scheme important details are lacking on which it would be useful as well as interesting to have a little information. The province of Kwangtung has a total population, we believe, of something like 22,000,000 people. Judging from the published details of the scheme for the suppression of banditry the percentage of armed pirates and brigands must, to say the least, be high. It is stated, for instance, in a Chinese paper not unfriendly to the Government at Canton,

that there are now no fewer than twenty-three "bandit camps," between Canton and Sheklung, a distance of about thirty miles. We do not know whether they are more numerous in districts more remote from the seat of Government in Kwangtung; but it is evident that bandits are a large element of the population of the province and as we read the outline of the scheme we wonder what is to be done with all these pirates and brigands, when they have been rounded up in the manner proposed. On that point the published outline leaves us in complete ignorance. It is clear that the force engaged in rounding them up is to raid their armouries and relieve the gangs of all the weapons with which they are invariably well equipped; but what of the men themselves? Are they to be kept in prison, or in detention camps, or are they to be pressed into military service in the Great Revolutionary Army which we are so constantly told is going to march from Kwangtung right across the wide expanse of country to the Yangtze River, and then up to Peking? We shall all be better able to judge of the merits of the scheme when we have information on such important details as these. Still, if the forces engaged in the suppression of pirates and brigands only succeed in completely disarming them, the law-abiding and industrious people of the province will have much to be thankful for. It will be a magnificent achievement.

By way of a footnote if this should meet the eye of anyone concerned with the putting of the scheme into operation, may we mention that we have not heard that the piracy of the steamer *Tungchow* some six weeks ago has prompted any special effort on the part of the Chinese authorities to exterminate or round up the gangs which make the district of Bias Bay their rendezvous? Nor have we heard that any part of the thirty thousand dollars in specie, stolen from the ship's strong room, or even any property looted from the ship's passengers has yet been recovered and returned to its rightful owners.

The magnificent new premises of the Cercle Sportif Français at Shanghai were opened last week.

Mr. Sidney Barton, C.M.G., Consul-General for Great Britain at Shanghai, is on a visit to Hongkong.

A fire broke out at No. 32, New Market Street, Taipo, on Monday, and caused damage to the extent of \$400.

Command Orders state that leave, pending retirement, has been granted to Capt. L. W. Smith, Royal Artillery, from February 3rd to February 20th.

Lieut. Commander C. Hake, R.N.R. (Assistant Harbour Master), is leaving Hongkong on Home leave on Saturday by the P. & O. s.s. *Albatross*.

A Hongkong fishing junk was pirated near Yuet Mee, in Chinese waters, on January 20th. The pirates searched the junkmen but only got away with \$18.

For stealing \$15 from a money changer's shop in Connaught Road Central, a Chinese was sentenced by Major Willson yesterday to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The death is announced of Mr. A. Kuenzle, formerly of Manila, and one of the founders of the firm of Kuenzle & Streiff Inc. and of the Alhambra Cigar & Cigarette Manufacturing Co.

Notifiable diseases in the Colony last week according to the report of the Medical Officer of Health were one British case of smallpox; two Chinese cases of diphtheria, and one fatal Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Six Chinese boys were fined \$3 each by Major Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of gambling. A seventh boy, who was stated to be engrossed in reading while the others gambled, was discharged.

The Petty Officers' and Ship's company of H.M.S. *Tamara* gave a farewell dance on board last night, a very enjoyable time being spent by those who attended. There were between 400 and 500 guests, and the music for the dancing was provided by the Barnicot Orchestra.

A Chinese sampan woman was crushed between two lighters alongside the s.s. *Delta* yesterday and was killed.

A Chinese, named Yu Cheung Po, who landed from the steam launch *Hung Fat* at the Southern Yaumati breakwater yesterday afternoon, was set upon by a gang of men who assaulted him and robbed him of \$208. No arrests had been made up to last night.

A passenger boat lying alongside a ship in the Central Fairway yesterday was capsized in collision with the steam launch *Kwong Chi* which was towing a cargo boat. All on board the passenger boat were picked up by another sampan, but property to the value of \$100 was lost.

A wireless watchman on the s.s. *Delta* was arrested by the Kowloon Water Police on the arrival of the vessel here yesterday from Shanghai. He is alleged to have stolen \$98 and some clothing from the cabins of passengers while the ship was on the high seas on January 31st. He will appear at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Ex-parte actions in regard to the s.s. *Ling Nam* will be heard in the Supreme Court to-day, the claimants being the master and the crew. The sale of the vessel has been ordered by the Court, in settlement of a claim for repairs by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

A Chinese woman apparently attempted to commit suicide last evening, just after eight o'clock, by jumping into the sea from the *Praya East*, near the Seamen's Institute. She was rescued by a District watchman and taken in a ricksha to No. 2 Police Station from where she was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Traffic cases were heard by Major Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The chauffeur of the car owned by Mr. D. J. Lewis was fined \$5 for passing a tram while it was stationary. Mr. A. Brailsford, of the P.W.D., was fined \$10 for driving his motor-cycle on January 26th in Queen's Road Central in a manner dangerous to the public. Mr. Oscar May was charged with not having a light to his sidecar and was fined \$5.

An armed robbery was committed at Mongkok yesterday morning when three men, armed with a revolver and a knife, entered the second floor of No. 343, Portland Street, at ten o'clock and forced a safe open with a hammer and chisel and stole a quantity of money, jewellery and clothing, the value of which is not known. After leaving the house, the robbers made off in the direction of Sham Shui Po.

Entries in connection with the Hongkong Horticultural Society's annual show of flowers and vegetables, which is to be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, March 11th, will definitely close at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 1st, at the Hon. Secretary's office, but it is hoped that intending exhibitors will send in their entries as early as possible. Schedules are in course of being printed and will be posted at an early date.

The death is announced of the Rev. Alfred Gurney Goldsmith, at his residence in Kobe. Mr. Goldsmith, who was 68 years old, had for some years been conscious of heart trouble, but had continued active. He was found by his wife dead in his bath. Mr. Goldsmith had been interested in work among seamen all his life. At one time he held a living in England, but for half his lifetime he had served the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong and the Australian ports. Early last year he went to Kobe to report on the feasibility of opening an institute for the mission there, and, deciding that it was promising, began work.

The *London Gazette* announces the removal from the Army on account of conviction by the civil authority of Captain Arthur, the notorious side-de camp in the "Mr. A." case.

There is no form of theft so mean as to take from the common good of the world for pleasure without putting back something in the way of public service. — *The Bishop of Aberdeen.*

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT. KING GEORGE READS SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

A GENERAL SURVEY.

ROOBY, February 2nd.

Large and enthusiastic crowds witnessed the progress of the King and Queen as they drove in state this morning from Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords for the ceremony of opening the new session of Parliament. To some extent, owing to the recent death of Queen Alexandra, the ceremony was short of some of its accustomed picturesqueness; but its dignity and stateliness were unimpaired. Their Majesties travelled in the old state coach, drawn by eight bay horses, and escorted by mounted equestrians, Yeomen of the Guard, and the Sovereign's escort of Household Cavalry. They were preceded by five carriages, accommodating the principal officers and ladies of the Royal Households and on arrival at Westminster were conducted by great officers of state to the robing rooms.

After assuming the Royal Robes, the procession to the House of Lords began.

The Prince of Wales, owing to his recent accident, did not occupy his accustomed place on the right of the King; but the Duke of York was present and the Chamber was crowded with Lords and their Ladies.

After taking his seat on the Throne the King read the speech opening Parliament. It was in the following terms:—

THE KING'S SPEECH.

"My relations with Foreign Powers continue to be friendly. Since Parliament rose my Ambassador at Constantinople has proceeded to Ankara with a view to arriving at a definite settlement of questions in connection with the Turco-Iraq frontier. My Government cordially reciprocate the desire of the Turkish Government for the promotion of the friendliest relations between Turkey and Great Britain. The Treaty between myself and the King of Iraq, carrying out the stipulation laid down in the decision of the Council of the League of Nations, has been signed by our respective representatives and has been approved by the Parliament of Iraq. It will be submitted to you without delay.

DISARMAMENT.

"One of my ministers will proceed to Geneva as British representative of the preparatory committee on disarmament, which is to work out the basis of a general conference on the reduction of armaments. In the opinion of my government, a substantial step forward in that direction should now be possible as a result of the system of security, created by the Treaty of Locarno and subsidiary agreements.

ITALIAN WAR DEBT.

"My Government have recently received in London the Finance Minister of Italy, accompanied by a distinguished delegation, and have concluded an agreement which provides for the funding of the Italian War Debt to this country, on fair and honourable conditions. I rejoice that a friendly settlement has been reached of this difficult question.

HOURS FOR LABOUR.

"Invitations are being issued to the Governments of Belgium, France, Germany and Italy to attend a conference at London, to consider the possibility of securing an effective international agreement, for regulating the hours of labour.

PUBLIC SERVICES.

"Estimates for public services will be laid before you in due course. My ministers have given earnest consideration to the increasing need for national economy. Proposals for effecting reductions of public expenditure are now being formulated and you will be asked to pass measures required to give effect to them without delay.

GRANTS IN AID.

"Proposals will be laid before you for authorising my government to guarantee loans for the development of British dependencies in East Africa and of Mandated Territories.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

"Improvement in trade and industry at the end of 1924, which it was then thought would result in an appreciable decrease in the volume of unemployment, was unfortunately checked early last year by the widespread depression which occurred in coal mining. Since Autumn of last year signs of revival of industry have again begun to appear, but the growth of confidence, on which revival depends, is being arrested by fear of industrial strife. The results of the enquiry into the economic condition of the coal industry, which is now being conducted by my commission, will shortly be laid before you. I am well aware of the difficulties inherent in the whole situation. But the interests of the Nation are paramount; and I appeal to all parties to face the future in a spirit of conciliation and fellowship and to avoid action, which would again postpone the return of good trade and prosperity for which we have so long hoped.

"With the object of securing greater economy and efficiency in generation and transmission of electrical energy in the future, my government have devised a scheme of re-organisation. The Bill to give effect to these proposals has been prepared and will shortly be introduced. The condition of Agriculture has received the earnest consideration of my Ministers. The question of the provision of better credit facilities for industry is receiving special attention; and discussions are proceeding with a view to the formulation of definite proposals on the subject.

"A measure will be laid before you to provide in suitable cases for marking imported agricultural produce and manufactured goods so that they may be distinguished from products of this country, and Empire goods distinguished from those of foreign origin.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

"A Bill will be presented to enable County Councils to continue and extend the provision of small holdings and cottage holdings both for owner-occupiers and tenants.

"While I learn with satisfaction of the progress made in the building of new houses in the urban areas of England and Wales; conditions under which many of my people are compelled to live both in country districts and in the congested areas of numerous towns still occasion me deep concern. My Ministers are now examining certain proposals for the improvement of these conditions and, if time permits, they will submit to you measures designed to hasten the removal of the worst defects both in town and country. My Ministers hope that it may be possible to carry further the process of consolidating the main statutes regulating the local government of the country. Bills will be laid before you, if time and opportunity permit, dealing with National Health Insurance, Unemployment Insurance, the rating of railways, the control of road vehicles, the finance of poor law in London and the position and powers of Boards of Guardians and the rating and valuation of machinery in Scotland."

POLAND AND LEAGUE.

THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE ISSUES STATEMENT.

ROOBY, February 1st.

The story that Great Britain had intimated to Poland that she would be unable to support Poland's application for a permanent seat on the Council of the League of Nations if Poland persisted in reducing her military establishment, was emphatically denied by the Foreign Office to-day. It was pointed out that such a suggestion from Great Britain would constitute a reversal of the policy and practice which she has followed in regard to armaments since the close of war. The British Government, as it has had, on more than one occasion, cause to show in recent months, remains as it has always been, wholeheartedly in favour of any effective scheme of disarmament.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

NEW OIL LINERS.

IMPORTANT EVENT IN ANNALS OF BRITISH SHIPPING.

ROOBY, February 1st.

An important event in the annals of the British Mercantile Marine will take place on February 26th when the first large high-speed oil-driven ocean liner to sail regularly from British ports will make her maiden voyage. This vessel is the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's *Asturias*, of 22,500 tons gross, and she is designed for the Southampton-South American service.

The *Asturias*, which is driven by double acting Diesels, was built and engineered at Belfast. Her machinery consists of two eight cylinder motors, having a total horse power of 28,000.

Precisely similar installations will be fitted in her sister ship *Alicantara* and in the new Union Castle liner *Carnarvon Castle* recently launched.

There will be no difficulty in recognising this trio wherever they may be, owing to the two large but very low funnels with which they are provided.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DISARMAMENT.

REQUEST THAT CONFERENCE BE POSTPONED.

GENEVA, February 1st.

Five members of the League of Nations Council, including France, Italy and Japan, have requested a postponement of the meeting of the preparatory commission for the disarmament Conference fixed for February 16th but propose that it be held before May 15th.

The Secretary has telegraphed the suggestion to other members of the League Council and those invited to the Commission.

A majority for an adjournment is assured owing to Spain accepting the proposal.

BRITISH POLITICAL VIEWS.

LONDON, February 1st.

Although British political circles are disappointed at the postponement of the preliminary "Disarmament" Conference, political correspondents admit the justification of the case for deferment which, according to views from Paris, is based on the desire to get Germany within the League before the Conference. Secondly, there is a possibility of securing Russian participation, which depends upon the successful outcome of the Russo-Swiss quarrel, arising out of the murder of M. Volovsky at Geneva, concerning which Russia has announced her refusal to attend a Conference held in Switzerland until satisfaction is received.

COMMANDER FRANCO.

FINE RECORD OF SPANISH AVIATOR.

PEINAMBUCO, February 1st.

Commander Franco, the Spanish aviator, has flown 3,885 miles at an average speed of 97 miles an hour since leaving Spain. He has 2,867 miles to cover to Buenos Aires for which he expects to start tomorrow, after which he will probably fly to the United States via Panama and Cuba, and return to Spain via the Azores.

FACED DISASTER ONCE.

How the Spanish airmen faced disaster on the eve of success is disclosed in a statement by Commander Franco. It was decided to halt the airplane *Fernando Noronha* owing to the heavy darkness, but the airmen were forced to remain aboard all night long, owing to the roughness of the sea. It was found in the morning that the waves had damaged the rear propeller; but the airmen continued their flight and reached within 100 miles of the mainland when the rear propeller broke. The crew threw out clothing and tools to lighten the machine and ran the rest of the journey on a single propeller.

FORGED NOTE CASE.

PRINCE CHARGED AS HEAD OF COUNTERFEITERS.

BUDAPEST, February 1st.

A 77-page indictment of the forged bank notes affair has been served on 20 persons.

It accuses Prince Windischgrätz of personally directing the work of the forgery of 20,000 1,000-franc notes, assisted by M. Geroe, of the Cartographical Institute.

M. Nadassy is charged with conspiracy by procuring false passports in order to facilitate the distribution.

The second group of accused persons includes Bishop Zabravsky, ex-Chaplain-General in the Army, who is charged with complicity by assisting in the distribution; and M. Baross, Director of the Post Office Savings Bank, who is accused of complicity on the ground that he illegally granted a loan to enable other accused persons to withdraw and destroy forged notes that had been deposited in another bank as security, although it was M. Baross's official disclosures which led to the proceedings.

HAYLEY MORRIS CASE.

COURT OF APPEAL UPHOLDS SENTENCE.

SIX WEEKS EXTRA.

LONDON, February 1st.

The Court of Criminal Appeal has dismissed the appeal of Mr. and Mrs. Hayley Morris.

The male accused only appealed against that part of the sentence, consisting of a year's imprisonment without hard labour.

THE JUDGMENT.

The Lord Chief Justice, in delivering judgment, said:

The appeal is singularly unreal. The evidence is disgusting and overwhelming. If the Court had to revise sentence on the male accused, it would be in the direction of an increased term. It has been said that the Court is not entitled to pass sentence of imprisonment, following a sentence of 2 years' hard labour. This Court never laid down that doctrine. If the Law permitted, the proper sentence would have been penal servitude. The Court only hoped that before long the legislature would have removed a blemish from existing penal legislation and there would be given to the Courts discretion, where there was a multiplicity of offences of certain kinds, to impose sentences of penal servitude.

The Chief Justice concluded by saying that as a result of the appeal, the sentence in both cases would run from February 1st, which means an additional six weeks.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, February 1st.

Silver is quoted 30.15 spot and 30.13 forward. India bought only a small quantity. The market is quiet.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULT OF DRAW IN FIFTH ROUND OF F.A. CUP.

LONDON, February 1st.

The draw for the fifth round of the English F.A. Cup (to be played on February 20th) resulted:—

Clapton Orient v. Newcastle United.
Bury v. Millwall v. Swansea Town.
Sunderland v. Tottenham Hotspur or Manchester United.
Nottingham v. Fulham.
Southend v. Notts Forest.
Bournemouth or Bolton v. South Shields.
Aston Villa v. Arsenal.
Manchester City v. Crystal Palace.

SCOTTISH CUP.

LONDON, February 1st.

Replaying in round 1 of the Scottish F.A. Cup, Heart of Midlothian, on their own ground (Tynecastle, Edinburgh) beat Dundee United by six goals to nil.

LAWN TENNIS.

HAWKES BEATS WILLARD IN THE SINGLES.

ADELAIDE, February 1st.

The Annals of the Australasian lawn tennis championships resulted:—

Singles: Hawkes beat Willard 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles: Gerald Patterson and Hawkes beat J. O. Anderson and P. O'Hara Wood 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

M.C.C. ON TOUR.

HEAVY SCORING AT PORT OF SPAIN.

PORT OF SPAIN, February 1st.

The M.C.C. in their match against the West Indies scored 301 for nine wickets. Holmes scored 64 and Watson 79.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

FIRE IN ILLINOIS.

SOCONY OFFICES ARE BURNED TO THE GROUND.

SOUTH BEND, ILL., February 1st.

Approximately two million dollars damage was caused by a fire in the business district, which destroyed nine large retail shops.

Whilst this was raging a second fire in another part of the town destroyed the Standard Oil Company's offices, causing damage to the amount of \$200,000,000 (gold).

RAILWAY WAGES IN U.S.

DRIVERS AND GUARDS DEMAND RISE.

NEW YORK, February 1st.

The drivers and conductors of the Eastern States Railways have requested the employers to agree by March 2nd, to an increase in pay of a dollar per day.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MORE SEA HEROES.

GERMAN LINER RESCUES CREW OF DUTCH FREIGHTER.

FURTHER S.O.S. CALLS.

NEW YORK, February 2nd.

The storms in the Atlantic have not abated and further calls for assistance are recorded.

One is from the collier *Johann Edybrand*, from Barry to Boston, which has signalled that she is badly smashed. Fears also are entertained for the British vessel *Ryburn*, and her crew of 37, which was due at Philadelphia on January 16th, but which has not been heard of.

Several schooners, and run-runners are in trouble along the American Eastern coast and all liners are delayed.

Reports have reached here of another fine rescue, off the coast of Newfoundland, the Hamburg-America liner *Westphalia* saving the entire crew (27 souls) of the Dutch freighter *Alkaid*.

Captain Graife, of the *Westphalia*, reports that in response to the *Alkaid's* S.O.S., he hastened to the spot, which was found by means of the wireless direction finding apparatus. Heavy seas were washing over the *Alkaid*; the deck houses had been carried away, boats smashed and decks damaged. It was impossible to start rescue work then, owing to the mountainous seas; but the following day a boat was lowered from the liner and succeeded in getting alongside the freighter. The crew were taken off without hurt. The *Alkaid* was set on fire and all ablaze when the liner resumed her passage to New York.

AMERADA OIL CO.

SHARES TO BE OFFERED TO PUBLIC.

NEW YORK, February 2nd.

Messrs. Dillon, Read announce that, following the acquisition of the British interests in the Amerada Oil Company, 335,727 shares of the common stock will be offered to the public at about \$27 gold a share. Annual common stock dividends of \$1.60 per share will probably be instituted.

THE BALDWIN GOVERNMENT.

MR. CHURCHILL ON THE YEAR'S WORK.

Mr. Churchill was the guest of honour at a political dinner given by the Ladies' Imperial Club at the Hotel Cecil recently. Responding to the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers," he said they were entitled to say on the closing day of a long year of Parliamentary work that they had made some progress towards carrying out the main intention and mandate which the country gave them at the General Election in 1924.

The Government had reduced taxes. From the comments in some of the newspapers one would imagine that they had piled huge burdens on the taxpayers, whereas they had reduced the burden by \$20,000,000 a year. They had succeeded in foreign policy in taking a course which had gathered to its support opinion which was national in its character. The policy pursued by Sir Austen Chamberlain at Locarno had commanded the support of all parties in the State, and had been a policy which, while it had consolidated the peace of Europe, and commenced a reconstitution of the European family and of Christendom, had not achieved these great results by the desertion of old friends or faithful Allies. (Cheers.) The bringing together of France and Germany was the surest way to shield Europe and this island from a renewal of those horrors through which they had passed. (Cheers.) The Irish question had not been settled, but it had entered on a far more hopeful phase.

The Government were responsible for seeing that the law was put into operation against those who, for motives which the further one probed them the more they appeared, sought to disturb the order and freedom of the country, even if to do so it was necessary to assail and seduce the loyalty of his Majesty's servants in the Army, Navy, and Air Force. It had been the Government's duty to put the law into operation, and to deliver those who were guilty to the judgment of a British jury. They had been assailed with screeches, screams, howls and groans. They had been told that they had acted against free speech by Socialists and Communists, who, wherever they had gained power, had not only destroyed free speech but free thought and had directed their own dismal doctrines into absolute domination. Who were they to judge of free speech who had trampled it down on every occasion on which they had gained power?

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSTITUTIONAL DEFENCE. NEW ORGANISATION IS FORMED IN SHANGHAI.

TO DENOUNCE COMMUNISM.

SHANGHAI, February 2nd.

A "Constitutional Defence League" was formally organised in Shanghai last evening, with the object of promoting international opposition to the principles of the Third International and Communism.

The League will educate public opinion and ensure social, economic and industrial progress along constitutional lines, including the amelioration of conditions of life and labour among the Chinese.

The general committee contains representatives of fourteen nations, including Chinese.

THE WORLD'S SANCTUARY.

BARON HAYASHI AND BRITAIN.

THE SCHOOL OF FUTURE RULERS.

Why foreign princes who are to be the emperors and kings of the future are coming to England to receive the learning and experience they will require was explained to a *Daily Mail* reporter by Baron Hayashi, for five years Japanese Ambassador in London. This great friend of Britain, a small man with a disarming smile who uses perfect English very heartily, has just returned for a year to act as "governor" to Prince Chichibu, second son of the Emperor of Japan, while in this country. He said:

Can it be wondered at that foreign princes are coming to your universities? Yours is the one place in Europe that is settled, the best country in the world to provide future rulers with experience and knowledge.

You think you are having troublous times. The world is certainly having troublous times, but you are the one sanctuary in it. In your country there is quiet, peace, common sense and what is very rare in the world to-day—a reason to feel certain of the future.

BRIGHTER BRITAIN.

While world problems have grown worse in the last six months, Europe, and England in particular, has grown brighter. Your great institutions and ideals remain untouched and your prosperity is returning.

It is because we think your universities are the finest in the world that we send our Prince here; but it is not only that. Your methods of government, your home life, the excellent example of your own Royal House, your soundness—all these contribute towards making your country the ideal university for a foreign prince.

Two years is all too short a time in which to study your country. Our Prince is young, but he is making excellent progress, and I hope he will be able to study your factories first-hand before he returns.

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BRITISH DEAD IN FRANCE.

MEMORIAL AT BAYEUX.

The tablet erected in Bayeux Cathedral by the Imperial War Graves Commission in memory of the 1,000,000 dead of the British Empire who fell in the Great War was unveiled recently by General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien in the presence of the French civil and military authorities, including the prefect, the general commanding the district, and the Mayor.

The tablet, which is similar to those unveiled in other cathedrals in France, bears the Royal arms surrounded by those of the Dominions, and is inscribed as follows: "To the glory of God and to the memory of one million dead of the British Empire who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918, and of whom the greater part rest in France."

At the conclusion of the ceremony General Smith-Dorrien, accompanied by the Mayor of Bayeux, proceeded to the town memorial on which he placed a wreath. The ceremony was very impressive, and was attended by a very large concourse of local inhabitants.

EXPLORING CITY UNDER SEA.

THRILLS IN RUINS OF LOST PALEOPOLIS.

VAULT OF STEEL.

There is a glorious city in the sea. The sea is in the broad the narrow streets.—ROGERS.

NAPLES.

The recent solution of the mystery of the Blue Grotto of Capri by the Hartman Deep Sea Expedition has been followed by further investigations near Posilipo, in the Gulf of Naples.

There, at the extreme end of this beautiful peninsula, every inch of soil has its history. It is here that some historians, and particularly Professor R. T. Gunther, of Oxford, place the site of the ancient city of Paleopolis, which, as he claims,

disappeared below the waves when the level of the land dropped some 16 feet lower.

The problem of Paleopolis has been puzzling learned men for centuries.

Submarine photographs of some of the many subaqueous ruins at this point were taken during the last few days, and the explorations are being continued.

"A descent into the blue water around Capri," said Dr. Hartman, "is a most thrilling and fascinating adventure. The explorer enters the diving cylinder, and takes his seat before the observation opening.

"While he adjusts the breathing mask, in which is combined the telephone, the heavy steel cover closes over his head, and is locked down watertight.

"A strange feeling creeps at first through his nerves. The strongest man in the world could not escape from this steel vault without exterior help. If something goes wrong, it may form an impenetrable metallic coffin at the bottom of the ocean.

"A sudden vibration and the chamber sinks slowly downward. For a moment there appears the brilliant mirror of the sea before the eyes of the observer in front of the window, the waves strike it, and then suddenly disappear the endless, glistening stretch of water and the sunlight, and the eye is fascinated by the enchanting marvel of an opalescent, wonderfully illuminated blue.

Like a gigantic, motionless crystal, it expands in all directions, and one would forget that this is water were it not for the coloured, swift-darting fish.

"The fascinating blue crystal turns darker, and finally becomes black. But still one can see far above the blue 'horizon' of the water level and the silhouettes of fish outlines against it like birds against a blue sky. Finally there is a real night, black darkness—at least for human eyes.

"The steel wall of the diving chamber turns ice-cold, but the air within is still comfortable, on account of the heat generated by the oxygen-purifying apparatus. And slowly the cylinder is sinking into the cold, black abyss.

"Then the danger zone is reached, and a great, absolute silence. The voice from above sounds now shrill, loud, disturbing—but one listens to it with an indescribable feeling of relief. It connects with the world, with humans, with mother earth. Blessed be the inventor of the telephone!

"Suddenly another marvel. Through the black night are shooting coloured points of light, like stars of a great variety of colours, size and shape. Luminous fish. Some have phosphorescent spots, forming lines along their bodies, while some seem to carry a waving electric blub before them. Others keep on changing colour, and others turn their light on and off at will, appear and disappear in the darkness like magic.

"Swarms of phosphorescent small creatures crowd together, producing the impression of a large, faintly illuminated area—the 'nebula' of this submarine system of stars.

"As soon as the electric submarine illuminators are turned on many of the fish come quite close, and seem so enchanted that they become the easy prey of others, floating right into large, open mouths.

"Often fish will strike so powerfully against the steel cylinder that they drop as if dead into the deep as a moth drops when striking a burning lamp.

"The ascent produces new sensations as the sunlight gradually appears again, and the explorer ascends suddenly into a blinding, glistening brilliancy—into the full daylight, into the sun.

"Bury hands hasten to release and open the steel cover, to lift it away, and questioning eyes greet the 'man who came back.'—Daily Chronicle.

GERMAN REPARATIONS.

In conformity with Article 12 of the Finance Ministers' Agreement of January 14th, 1925, the Reparation Commission at its meeting of December 18th, 1925, fixed the value of the receipts of every nature obtained by the French, Belgian, and Italian Governments from Germany between January 11th, 1923, and September 1st, 1924, at \$94,290,599.41 gold marks (\$44,711,625), after deduction of the costs enumerated in the Article.

It may be added that the amounts received in cash and in kind by the Allies from Germany since 1920 are as follows: 1920-22, \$3,732,920,936 gold marks; Ruhr Occupation (January 11th, 1923 to August 31st, 1924), \$94,230,599; first annuity (Dawes Plan), 1,000,000,000; first three months of second annuity, 250,000,000. To this must be added 2,553,905,000 gold marks, the value of items ceded to Germany.

The total receipts of the Reparation Commission to November 30th last are therefore: 10,075,319,140 marks (£203,615,967).

THE HOLY DOOR CLOSED.

FINAL JUBILEE YEAR CEREMONY IN ROME.

His Holiness Pope Pius XI. closed the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter's in the Vatican on December 28th, and thereby brought to a close the Jubilee Year of 1925.

At 10 o'clock the Pope, preceded by the Pontifical court and the College of Cardinals, entered the portico of St. Peter's in the *sedes gestatoria*. Every participant in the procession, including the Pontiff himself, carried a lighted candle, as a symbol that they entered the Basilica as pilgrims seeking pardon. Before the threshold of the Holy Door the procession halted, and his Holiness descended from the *sedes* and entered the Basilica on foot. Within he was again lifted shoulder high, and to the music of the silver trumpets and the cheers of the populace which thronged the church the procession advanced slowly to the Papal altar.

Here the Pope again alighted, and kneeling down, adored the relics which were exhibited one by one from the loggia of St. Veronica. As the "Head of the Spear which pierced the Side," the fragment of the True Cross, and St. Veronica's Handkerchief were held up in their massive silver reliquaries, by one of the canons of St. Peter's, a bell rang out high up in the dome and the congregation fell upon their knees. His Holiness then imparted the Apostolic Benediction, which was received by a loud burst of applause from the public, and was carried to the altar of the Blessed Sacrament, where he remained a few moments in adoration.

From here the Pope returned on foot to the Holy Door, and after the whole procession had passed out, he himself crossed the threshold as the last pilgrim of the Jubilee Year. While his Holiness was seated upon the throne which had been erected in the atrium the final preparations for the closing of the Holy Door were made by the Sampietrini (hereditary workmen employed in repairing the Basilica). Descending again, the Pope then blessed and, censed the bricks and mortar which were to be used, and kneeling down took the golden trowel and spread the first layer of mortar. Upon this he placed three bricks stamped with the Papal arms and gildes, and having again blessed them returned to the throne. The Cardinal Penitentiary then completed the first row of bricks, and a canvas painted to represent marble and bearing a bronze cross was carried from inside. This marks the final closing of the door. Meanwhile, the choir sang the special prayers and responses.

The ceremony concluded, his Holiness intoned the opening words of the *Te Deum*, which was taken up by the choir and congregation. After the final Apostolic Benediction, the Pope, at the request of the Cardinal Penitentiary, granted the plenary indulgence in *forma jubilee* to all those present. He forthwith returned in solemn procession to the palace of the Vatican.

Special measures had been taken to avoid the overcrowding which had somewhat confused the opening of the Door a year ago, and the solemnity of the ceremony was in no way marred by undue eagerness on the part of the crowd to see everything there was to be seen. Indeed, to one who has followed the great religious functions which have distinguished the Holy Year the ceremony which marked its close was perhaps the most impressive. The gleaming whiteness of the mantles and mitres of the cardinals and bishops and the glittering candour of the Pope's own vestments, as they passed up the vast nave of St. Peter's, of points of gold caught here and there by a shaft of falling sunlight, created an impression of regality and splendour seldom granted by the conditions of modern life.

POISON WHISKY IN U.S.

NEW YORK'S EVIL CONCOCTIONS.

"Rum Row" is usually depicted as the chief cause of the failure of the enforcement of prohibition in the United States, but, according to Mr. Buckner, Public Prosecutor of New York, foreign smugglers are responsible for only a fraction of the liquor supplies with which the country is inundated. More than 90 per cent of these are, he says, concocted at home.

Mr. Buckner draws an appalling picture of the extent to which the nation is being poisoned. The Government, in order to fulfil the letter and the spirit of the prohibition laws, insists on all alcohol for manufacturing purposes being "denatured"; but "bootleggers" last year secured forty million gallons of this officially poisoned alcohol, which they converted into "bootleg" whisky, gin, and other concoctions.

They do their best to remove the poison, but never completely succeed; with the result that more than 90 per cent of the illicit beverages drunk by American citizens contain more or less deadly poison. This year in New York more than 600 people have died from the effects of these beverages, and the fatalities are steadily increasing.

Mr. Buckner declares that the foremost task of the law is to put a stop to the activities of men who in hotels, offices, cellars, and garages in New York are engaged in the manufacture of spurious Scotch and rye whisky, gin, and brandy from alcohol elaborately poisoned by the Government and released from the warehouses by fraudulent permits.

If prohibition cannot be enforced, he says, it is in the interests of the national health that it should be speedily repealed or modified.

BOLSHEVIK CHIEFS.

CONFLICT RAGING BETWEEN ZINOVIEFF AND STALIN.

The Berlin correspondent of a London paper recently wrote:—

There can no longer be any doubt that the barrage of propaganda which the Bolsheviks have recently been putting up, and which seems now to have reached its maximum density, is designed primarily to conceal from the world the importance of the political and economic events at present in progress in Russia. All this evening's papers print columns of Stalin's propaganda speech at Moscow, and several of them further columns of propaganda interviews with Chicherin, and Madame Kolantai, both of whom are in Berlin. The only two organs which have their own correspondents at Moscow mention the remarkable fact that at the conference of Russian Communists at which Stalin spoke, the long smouldering dissensions between the Leninists and the Muscovites, that is to say between the radical revolutionaries and opportunists, have broken out into open conflict.

Although this dispute is in reality a competition for the prophet's mantle and, at bottom, nothing more than a clash of personal ambitions, it is veiled as a difference of opinion on doctrine and tactics. Zinovieff and his Leninist following declare—and with perfect truth—that the present economic structure of Russia is not Socialism but "State capitalism." That is the doctrinal divergence, for, of course, the majority in the Political Bureau, the junta which is now autocrat of all Russia, refuse to admit the impeachment of heresy. The boss through whom the Political Bureau extends its iron sway to the Communists in all other lands also maintains—and doubtless he is right here, too—that the concessions made this year to the more prosperous peasants are "dangerous." Moscow really agrees to that proposition, and would not have made the concessions in question, had it not come to the conclusion that it was more dangerous not to make them, so that the variance here is merely as to which horn of the dilemma has the sharper point.

"EVENT WITHOUT PRECEDENT."

It is characteristic of Bolshevik methods that Stalin's cackle is trumpet all over the world, but that when the conference "came to the 'cesses'" the Press was turned out, or at any rate condemned to silence. What happened then is described by the *Pravda* as an "event without precedent in the history of the party." Stalin had "reported" to the gathering on behalf of the Central Committee, which, in reality, has no other function than to give formal approval to the secret decisions of the Political Bureau, but Zinovieff took advantage of a dormant clause in the statutes of the party to put forward a counter-report. In this, according to the correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt*, he expressed, on behalf of the Leninist party organisation, "their dissatisfaction with the political report submitted by Stalin." He was supported by Kamenev, and both of them "raised the same charge which was made against Trotsky a year ago, namely, that too little confidence is placed in the possibility of creating a Socialistic State in Russia without the means of an international revolution." This phrase does not set on the side of lucidity, but then there is a censorship in Russia.

The Moscow correspondent of the *Vossische Zeitung*, who also reports Zinovieff's attack on the official policy, adds that a quarrel is proceeding in the Press by means of open letters. It appears that in one of these the Moscovites have sought to prove from extracts from Zinovieff's speeches that he has been guilty of the heinous heresy of "attempting to revise the Leninian principles." This is a mortifying charge, because Zinovieff's speeches are largely made up of extracts from Lenin's, and no leading Bolshevik has been more consistent than he in referring all questions to the standard of the prophet's utterances. Indeed, it is doubtless his constant appeal to the authority of the Grand Panjandrum which has called forth from the Moscow group the reminder "after Lenin's death individual personalities have no right to claim to be the sole interpreters of his teachings, since this is the task of the party in its entirety and collectivity."

A more serious charge against Zinovieff from the point of view of practical politics is that he has deposed the adherents of the Moscow direction from high offices, concealed the fact of their opposition at the Leningrad conference, and closed the Press of his category to their protests. There can be little doubt that Stalin will carry the day; but, however the dispute may end, it will be another important phase in the disintegration of the Bolshevik junta which set in as soon as Lenin's autocratic authority ceased to be effective.

NO WONDER ADAM FELL.

Sir John Lavery, the famous painter, tells a story about an old Scottish gardener in the employ of a friend of his, who went one day to an exhibition of pictures in London. Among them was one labelled "The Fall." The gardener surveyed this so intently that his employer was moved to ask him his opinion of it. "I think no great things of it," was the reply. "Why, sir, Eve is tempting Adam with an apple of a variety that was known until about 'about twenty years ago."

PRINCE RENOUNCES A THRONE.

SON OF KING AND QUEEN OF RUMANIA.

Prince Charles, the heir to the throne of Rumania, has renounced all his royal rights, including membership of the King's family.

The King, an official *communiqué* says, has accepted his son's decision and proposes to proclaim his grandson (Prince Charles's 4-years-old son) Crown Prince. The *communiqué* stated:

H.R.H. Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, having informed his Majesty in writing of his irrevocable renunciation of the succession to the throne and of all the prerogatives appertaining to that rank, including that of membership of the Royal Family, his Majesty the King felt compelled to accept this renunciation and to summon a council at the castle of Pelesch.

In communicating his high decision, his Majesty appealed to all the men of eminence in the country who were present to help him in its execution and in the proclamation of his grandson, Prince Michael, as heir to the throne.

WEDDING ANNULLED.

THE QUEEN OF RUMANIA'S EXPLANATION.

(Prince Charles, who is 32 and a grandson of the late Duke of Edinburgh, was the centre of a romance in 1918 when he married at Odessa Miss. Zizi Lambrino, daughter of a Rumanian General.

Twice the Prince was reported as renouncing his rights to the Throne, and he repeatedly declared that he would never give up his bride.

The Queen of Rumania has given the following account of what was really an elopement:

The girl is of good family, but not educated to such a degree as the Crown Prince's wife is expected to fill.

Members of the Royal Family are not allowed to marry Rumanians, as through such mixed marriages the family might become involved in party intrigues.

My son promised me to forgo his personal wishes for the good of the country. But the marriage took place at Odessa arranged by the Germans.

It has been annulled as illegal, both under the laws of Rumania and of Old Russia, as no bans were published.

After the marriage had been annulled the Prince went for a trip round the world. At the end of 1920 his betrothal to Princess Helen, the daughter of the late ex-King Constantine, was announced. The marriage took place in Athens in 1921.

Later the Prince has become keenly interested in flying, and last year he made several flights in England.

In 1923 the following semi-official announcement was made in Athens:—

It is denied in Court circles that there is any truth in the rumour of impending divorce proceedings between Prince Charles and the Princess Helen.

Last summer Princess Helen visited London for treatment for eye trouble. Prince Charles attended the funeral of Queen Alexandra in November.

SLUMP IN SEWING BY WOMEN.

CHANGE OF HABITS AND FASHIONS.

Women no longer make and mend their clothes, according to Mr. W. H. Coats, chairman of the great cotton thread firm of J. P. Coats, and this shrinking of sewing responsibilities has considerably perturbed him.

A net profit of £454,980 was made by the firm in 1924, but Mr. Coats, addressing a general meeting of the shareholders at Glasgow—when a dividend on the Ordinary shares of 17½ per cent was unanimously approved—said that sales had been largely affected by this "curtailment of the practice of home sewing."

Changes in women's fashions, he stated, have also affected trade, but not to the same degree as modern woman's refusal to spend an hour or so at home each week contentedly sewing.

A woman writes:—

There has never been a time, since women forsook the spinning wheel and utilised their needles instead, when they have used so little cotton or silk, or, indeed, executed such a small amount of needlework.

Modern fashions are responsible for the change. Years ago women of leisure delighted to make all their own lingerie and blouses. Now, unless girls are exceptionally good needlewomen, they find it cheaper to buy these articles.

Then, again, women's underwear has changed in kind. Voluminous petticoats, with masses of frills that took them so many hours and so much material to make, have vanished. Skimpy silk ones do not require half so many stitches.

Dresses have suffered similarly. Short and narrow one-piece frocks do not need the yards of neat hemming that women of other decades put into their work. The amount of cotton used in stitching one modern is probably only a quarter of that needed for the trimming of an old-fashioned dress.

There are now no tails or trains, frills, or flurbelows that once made inroads into the reels in the housewifery baskets.

Even infants' clothes have changed. What self-respecting baby of to-day is seen wearing yards of white garments that are repeated several times on the small person? Warm, short, woolen garments are placed in his wardrobe, and through the succeeding ages of childhood woolen things are worn instead of the old-fashioned dresses and petticoats.



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FULL LIST OF ENTRIES FOR STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

[BY ARBUS.]

Mr. H. Birkett and Dr. Pierre-Grove are to be congratulated on the bumper list of entries received for the first steeplechase meeting organized under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt.

The five events have attracted 46 ponies and, as some have two or three engagements, the total entries number 63 as follows:—12 for the first event; 15 for the second; 11 for the third; 15 for the fourth and 12 for the fifth.

The main event on the card has attracted eleven nominations, including John Smith, a winner up North on the flat, Mowgli, Prohibition, New York, Alcantara, Jambu and Solly—all of whom ran on the flat at Happy Valley last year—and Reardan, a recent purchase of Mr. Stanton's.

LIST OF ENTRIES.

The full list of entries follows:—
Race 1.—3 p.m. The Causeway Bay Steeplechase, 1½ miles.—A Cup presented by Mrs. Hartford to the Winner. Second 50 per cent. of the entrance money. Third 30 per cent. of the entrance money. Open to members of the Polo Club on bond *vide* Polo ponies. Catch weights 165 lbs. About 1½ miles.

Owner.	Pony.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara	Uncle Gus
Mr. F. A. Pollock	Nugget
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Strathallan
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Spaghetti
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Reynolds
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Urgent
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	More Better
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Woodlark
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Reardan
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Hermes
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Dick
Mr. C. L. O. Oliphant	Night Dress

Race 2.—3.30 p.m. The Hunt Steeplechase, 2 miles.—A Cup presented by Sir Paul Chater, Kt., to the Winner. Second 50 per cent. of the entrance money. Third 30 per cent. of the entrance money. For Subscribers to the Fanling Hunt. For ponies that have been hunted at least three times. Catch weights 160 lbs. About 2 miles over the Steeplechase Course.

Owner.	Pony.
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Harford
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	(Late May Leaf)
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Part Worn
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Durban
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Nugget
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Strathallan
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Pong (late)
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	(Strathallan)
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Magnificent D.
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Spaghetti
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	John Smith
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	October
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Urgent
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Dummy
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Curlew Dahlia
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Two Pairs
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Tam
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Solly

Race 3.—4 p.m. Fanling National (Open Heavy Weight Steeplechase), 2 miles.—A Cup presented by H.R.H. Prince George to the Winner. Second 50 per cent. of the entrance money. Third 30 per cent. of the entrance money. Catch weights 165 lbs. About 2 miles over the Steeplechase Course.

Owner.	Pony.
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Harford (late May Leaf)
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Part Worn
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Nugget
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Strathallan
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Spaghetti
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	October
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Dummy
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Curlew Dahlia
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Aces up
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Drake
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Four of a Kind
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Jambu
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Reardan
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Solly

Race 4.—4.30 p.m. Open Light Weight Steeplechase, 2½ miles.—A Cup presented to the Winner. Second 50 per cent. of the entrance money. Third 30 per cent. of the entrance money. About 2½ miles over the Steeplechase Course. Catch weights 150 lbs.

Owner.	Pony.
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Harford (late May Leaf)
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Part Worn
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Nugget
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Strathallan
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Spaghetti
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	October
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Dummy
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Curlew Dahlia
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Aces up
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Drake
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Four of a Kind
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Jambu
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Reardan
Mr. T. C. T. Beck	Solly

Race 5.—5 p.m. Volunteer Hunt Cup, 1½ miles.—A Cup presented by Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin to the Winner. Second 50 per cent. of the entrance money. Third 30 per cent. of the entrance money. Open to all members of the Hongkong Corps on bond *vide* M.I. ponies. Catch weights 165 lbs. About 1½ miles.

Owner.	Pony.
Mr. A. H. Potts	Strathallan
Mr. A. H. Potts	Chessman
Mr. A. H. Potts	Teddy
Mr. A. H. Potts	A.B.
Mr. A. H. Potts	Smart Guy
Mr. A. H. Potts	Why Not
Mr. A. H. Potts	Midget
Mr. A. H. Potts	Country Mouse
Mr. A. H. Potts	Deuces Wild
Mr. A. H. Potts	Alcantara
Mr. A. H. Potts	Zitron
Mr. A. H. Potts	Smart Coolie

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY INTER-FACULTY MATCH.

The following will represent the Arts against the Medicals in an Inter-Faculty match to-day, at the pavilion at 2 p.m. sharp:—

Arts:—B. P. Ng (captain), R. Ponsonby Fane, H. N. Balhatchet, T. E. Yeoh, A. S. Rett, M. Y. Leong, S. Hachuma, W. H. Sling, E. Zimmern, C. E. Lee, and W. Youngsaye.

Medicals:—A. A. Rumbach (captain), J. L. Shellshear, D. K. Samy, S. A. M. Sopher, C. W. Lam, D. Laing, Y. C. Teh, C. H. Yeoh, B. N. Sudan, H. Hunt, and R. Chan Wah.

C.S.C.C. 1st v. INDIAN R.C.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club in their League match with the I.R.C. on the C.S.C.C. ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday:—F. J. de Rome (captain), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, C. Finch, B. D. Evans, A. E. Wood, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, F. Baker, H. E. Strang, H. G. Wallington. Reserve: S. F. Harper. Scorer: W. F. Fischer.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Club against the Submarines at 5.15 p.m. sharp at the U.S.R.C. to-day: S. H. Garrod, E. F. Stewart, C. L. R. Becher, A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. W. L. Martin, J. E. Noronha, W. Woodward, G. P. Lammett, E. Jacobs, Larkecom, and B. D. Evans.

INTERPORT GOLF.

MANILA TEAM TO SAIL NEXT TUESDAY.

A Reuter message from Manila states that the interport golf team is leaving for Hongkong on the *President Pierce*, on February 9th.

The team includes Mr. J. R. Mason (captain), Mr. B. F. Few, Mr. A. L. Benedict, Mr. H. C. Train, Mr. E. J. Neil and Mr. G. M. Ivory.

COUNTY CRICKET AND "TESTS."

VIEWS OF MR. A. E. R. GILLIGAN.

In the course of an interview recently, Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan, the captain of the last M.C.C. team in Australia, raised some novel points on the subject of curtailment or suspending the County Championship when an Australia team is in England. He thought that, in such seasons, the County Championship should be dropped, counties making such fixtures as they thought desirable. It was most important, when the Australians were in England, that our best players should not be overworked, but should go into the field for the Test matches in the best possible condition. As some recompense to the counties for the financial loss involved, and as a good method for getting the best available team to meet Australia in the Test matches, Mr. Gilligan urged that an England team should be selected, and should play matches with several of our best counties during the first month of the season. The experience thus gained would be of immense value to the selection committee, no less than to the men who were picked for England.

CHINA'S LOANS.

HOW INTEREST IS BEING MET.

In view of the chaotic conditions that prevail in China at the present time, surprise is being expressed in some quarters, says the *Daily Mail*, that the country is able to pay the half-yearly interest coupons on certain of its loans.

The explanation lies in the fact that the loans on which the service is being met are specially secured on certain revenues.

There are, for instance, the Maritime Customs, which are under the control of an international committee. The revenues from these never pass into the hands of the Chinese Government, but are paid into the contracting banks in monthly instalments. In this way the funds necessary to meet the service of certain of the loans are provided and coupons are paid on their due date.

Among the loans secured upon the revenues of the Maritime Customs of China are the 4 per cent. Gold Loan of 1895, the 5 per cent. Gold Loan of 1896, the 4½ per cent. Gold Loan of 1898, and the 5 per cent. Reorganisation Gold Loan of 1913.

There are, of course, a number of Chinese loans in default—viz., the Hukuang Railway 5 per cent. Gold Loan 1911, the Tientsin-Pukow 5 per cent. Supplementary Loan of 1910, the Canton-Kowloon 5 per cent. Loan, and the "Vickers" and "Marconi" 8 per cent. Loans. A year ago the December coupon of the Hukuang Railway Loan was paid after a delay of nearly two months. The total amount of these loans in default is about £11,500,000.

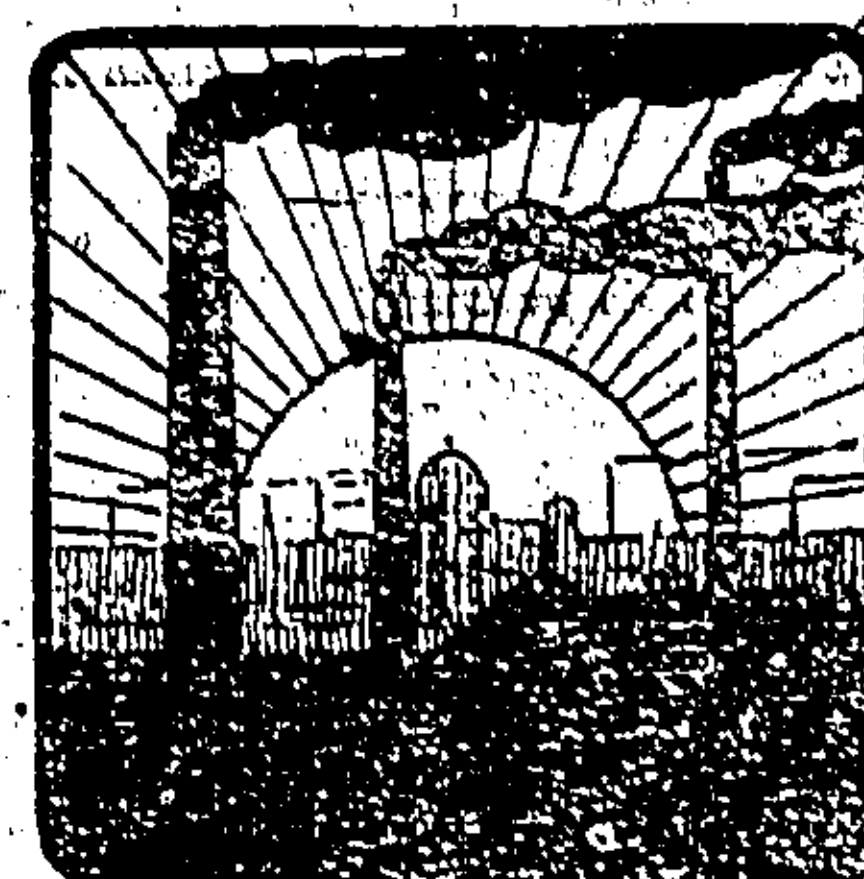
ANTEADATION.

"LONDON GAZETTE" COINS A WORD.

A new word—antedation—which it not to be found in any of the ordinary English dictionaries nor in the New English Dictionary (Murray's) which is nearing completion, appears in the *London Gazette*. It occurs in an intimation among the Indian Army appointments of the antedation of the promotion of an officer.

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A FREEZE-OUT IN RUGBY.

SOCCER UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, December 30th.

Fifty years of Rugby does not include the discovery of an effective protection of playing pitches against frost. A blanket of straw is sometimes a help and often a hindrance. In the weather that has been experienced during December, the fields were better without the straw. All the Christmas programmes had to be abandoned, but none of the engagements, fortunately, were of first-class importance.

In their Welsh trip Watsonians did pretty well at Swansea, where they lost by 20 points to 10. It was a grand game, full of exciting situations. Next day, somewhat tired by their exertions, Watsonians did not do so well against Newport, going under by 26 to 6. But the figures rather flatter the Welshman, the Scots playing a good game and having hard luck.

The Fettesian-Lorettonians are not so strong as last year, and their loss to Richmond by 16 to 4 is not surprising. The tackling on both sides reached a wonderfully high level.

SURPRISE LEAGUE RESULTS.

Association football in Scotland hardly calls for serious criticism, as grounds were snow and ice bound, and consequently the game was out of the question. The leading game was at Cowdenbeath, and the result, a draw, was the best that could have happened in the circumstances. It was a correct return in a contest in which Celtic's artistry was counter-balanced by Cowdenbeath's open, fast football. Unexpected results abounded, and outstanding amongst these were the defeats sustained at home by Rangers and Airdrieonians. Airdrieonians failed against Dundee United, and the latter, scoring once, secured another sensational victory to add to those already recorded against Celtic and Rangers. The senior club of Dundee are fast being overwhelmed by their local rivals, and are in danger of being supplanted in favour of Dundee United. On Saturday Hibernian won at Dens Park by 4 goals to 1. The success of Hibernian and of St. Johnstone added seriously to the plight of Queen's Park, who were beaten at home by Motherwell in a game full of misfortune for the amateur club. In an afternoon of strange returns has to be recorded the fact the only home team won—Heart of Midlothian.

Cowdenbeath, 7; Queen's Park, 3.
Clyde, 1; Third Lanark, 0.
Heart of Midlothian, 1; St. Mirren, 0.
Dundee, 1; Hibernians, 4.
Airdrieonians, 0; Dundee United, 1.
Cowdenbeath, 1; Celtic, 1.
Clydebank, 1; Hamilton Acads., 3.
Falkirk, 2; Partick Thistle, 2.
Queen's Park, 0; Motherwell, 3.
Rangers, 0; St. Johnstone, 1.
Raith Rovers, 4; Kilmarnock, 5.

HALF-TIME IN THE LEAGUE SEASON.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	A.	Pts.
Celtic	19	13	3	3	18	29
Falkirk	20	12	5	3	30	27
Heart	21	12	6	3	25	27
St. Mirren	21	11	6	4	20	26
Motherwell	21	10	6	5	24	25
Airdrieonians	20	12	7	1	28	25
Hamilton Acads.	20	10	6	4	38	24
Rangers	21	11	9	1	28	23
Cowdenbeath	20	9	7	4	34	22
Dundee	21	8	8	5	32	21
Kilmarnock	20	7	9	4	49	18
Aberdeen	21	7	10	4	34	18
Dundee United	21	7	10	4	38	18
Morton	18	6	8	4	39	16
Partick Thistle	18	6	12	1	41	15
Raith Rovers	20	7	12	1	42	15
St. Johnstone	20	6	11	3	42	15
Hibernian	20	6	11	3	40	15
Queen's Park	21	6	14	1	50	13
Clydebank	20	4	13	3	49	11

RICE SHORTAGE IN SHANGHAI.

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING.

The rice situation is still causing grave alarm, says the *N.C. Daily News*. Discussing the present shortage of the grain in Shanghai, a prominent importer of Saigon rice, in an interview, asserted that the big Chinese interests have all along been perfectly aware of what was likely to happen.

"Yet," he continued, "they affect to be greatly alarmed on behalf of the poor, whose interests they have ignored until their shipments arrive and it is too late to do anything to help matters. They know quite well that it is now impossible to lower the price of the food, owing to the effects of the shortage."

Throughout China the rice crop has been poor this year, with the inevitable result that prices for all grades have gone up. Increasing prices are sure to lead to demands by workers for higher wages, and the prospect of serious industrial troubles are by no means remote.

CHINESE PLEA FOR PEACE.

CALL TO STOP FIGHTING.

The Chairman of the Tientsin Chinese Chamber of Commerce has circulated the Chinese chambers all over the country proposing that they join in appealing to the militarists to cease fighting pending a peace conference to be held at Shanghai under the auspices of the chambers, at which representatives of the militarists and merchants could fully discuss the situation with the object of the disbandment of superfluous troops and the settlement of grievances.

The telegram emphasizes the miseries of the people and the bankruptcy of militarism owing to repeated treachery. The telegram also emphasizes the danger of international control or the splitting up of the country into spheres of influence. "The people," it says, "being sick of fighting are bitter against the troops; but the soldiers are not heartless nor do they desire to ruin the lives of civilians. They are agitated by shameless politicians who simply utilize them for their personal benefit."

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TOKYO TOP HATS.

Although top hats have fallen from favour as the City man's headgear, remarks a London paper, there is a very big demand for them from Tokyo and Buenos Aires and Brazil.

One of the largest London makers said: "There is still a fairly good demand for them from the principal provincial cities in this country, but the export trade is very flourishing, because of the large orders from Japan and South America. In both countries top hats are as much in favour among the business community as they were in London in the 'nineties.'"

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"MURZAPORE"	8,715	16th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARNATAKA"	9,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"NAGPORE"	5,333	2nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,903	6th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don., Antwerp, and Hamburg.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"MACDONIA"	11,089	1st May.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	9,941	29th May.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th May.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,903	28th June.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARNATAKA"	9,089	10th July.	Marseilles and London.
"KARNATAKA"	16,525	24th July.	Marseilles and London.

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"TALAMBA"	8,018	26th Feb.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	10th Mar.	do.
"SHIBALA"	7,841	17th Mar.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,958	3rd Mar.	do.
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"TANDA"	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Feb.	Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,135	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SHIBALA"	7,841	23rd Feb.	Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	20th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MACDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May.	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,903	29th May.	do.
"KARNATAKA"	9,089	11th June.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	15th June.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,985	25th June.	Shanghai only.
"KARNATAKA"	16,525	8th July.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MACDONIA"	11,089	22nd July.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	5th Aug.	do.

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BAIKU, TAPAN & SOUTABAYA	"TAIKOO WANYI"	On	6th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGMO	"YINGCHOW"	On	6th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	"KALGAN"	On	6th Feb.	5 p.m.
LOILO	"NANCHANG"	On	7th Feb.	1 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On	7th Feb.	4 p.m.
BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On	8th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On	9th Feb.	U.L.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Singapore ...	Amoy ...	3rd Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	Pres. Pierce	4th Feb.
Swatow ...	Kashima Maru ...	4th Feb.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia ...	Tanda ...	5th Feb.
Europe via Suez letters & papers London, 7th Jan. 1925	Manila ...	5th Feb.
Dec. 1925		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 16th Feb. ...	St. Albans	Wednesday, 3rd, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow ...	Suiyang	9.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta ...	Namsang	1.00 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only) ...	Angkor	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai & Wei Hai Wei ...	Lushan	2.30 P.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ...	Amakusa Maru	Thursday, 4th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Taiwan Maru	8.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa ...	Delta	10.30 A.M.
Java via Sourabaya ...	Tilobet	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 22nd Feb. ...	Emp. of Russia	Parcels Beg. 3.00 P.M. Letters 4.15 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Amoy ...	Tjilswang	Friday, 5th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially super-scribed "via Siberia" only) ...	Manila	10.30 A.M.
Manila & parcels for Germany via Hamburg, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th March ...	Emil Kirdorf	12.30 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Malua	5.00 P.M.
Amoy ...	Yingchow	6th, 9.45 A.M.
Lolo ...	Kalgen	10.30 A.M.
Fort Bayard, Hohow, Pakhoi & Haiphong ...	Nanchang	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Linan	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Kajia Maru	Sunday, 7th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok ...	Kungchow	9.00 A.M.
Amoy ...	Szechuen	Monday, 8th, 2.30 P.M.
Bangkok ...	Chakang	5.00 P.M.
Bangkok ...	Chakang	Tuesday, 9th, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai & Honolulu ...	Shingo Maru	10.00 A.M.
		10.30 A.M.

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Telegraphic Transfer	3/4 7/16
Bank Bills, on demand	3/4 7/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	3/4 7/16
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
Credits, at 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	3/4 7/16
On Paris—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1/50
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/50
On New York—	
Bank Bills, on demand	57 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight	59 1/2
On Bombay—	
Telegraphic Transfer	15 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	15 1/2
On Calcutta—	
Telegraphic Transfer	15 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	15 1/2
On Shanghai—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On Yokohama—On demand	137 1/2
On Manila—On demand	113 1/2
On Singapore—On demand	103 1/2
On Batavia—On demand	143 1/2
On Barmora—On demand	nom.
On Saigon—On demand	nom.
On Bangkok—On demand	78 1/2
SOVEREIGN, Bank's buying rate	88.24
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	—
BAR SILVER, per oz.	30 15/16

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital	\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	\$50,000,000
Reserve Funds—	
Sterling	24,500,000
Silver	\$26,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$50,000,000

Court of Directors:
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H. P. White, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
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Chief Manager:
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Manager: Shanghai—G. H. Spitt, Esq.

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WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STRAITS on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [25]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [3]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

Head Office: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000
Reserve Fund	£24,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£23,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Head Office: 96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital	Fr. 75,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	Fr. 66,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	Fr. 56,597,332.54

BRANCHES:
Bangkok, Hanoi, Pondicherry, Batavia, Hongkong, Saigon, Bombay, Madras, Shanghai, Calcutta, New York, Simla, Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, Colombo, Karachi, Port Louis, Sourabaya, Delhi, Kota Bharu (Malacca).

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Générale.
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IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
A. LECOT, Manager.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1924. [14]

THE MERCHANT-BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,300,000

BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

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HONGKONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [29]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE

POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong.

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital	Fr. 20,000,000
Reserves	Fr. 11,300,000
Special Working Capital	Fr. 50,000,000

BRANCHES:
Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Canton, Hongkong.

FRANCE: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, London: Midland Bank, Ltd., New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Correspondents throughout the World.
A. BOLLAN, Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(TAIWAN GINKO.)

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 37,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN: Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Formosa: Gikan, Kagi, Kanko, Keelung, Makung, Nantow, Shichihui, Paichu, Tainan, Pailiao, Tamsui, Teyen, Ato, Pinan, CHINA: Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Fochow, Swatow, Canton.

OTHERS: Hongkong, Singapore, Sourabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York, Calcutta.

LONDON BANKERS:
LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARK BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres on the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tientsin, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.

T. TAKAGI, Manager, HONGKONG BRANCH, 3, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, 1st Decemb. 1925. [27]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG. Established 1912.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	£1,200,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	£1,078,000
SILVER RESERVE FUND	£ 700,000

BRANCHES: CANTON, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, SWATOW, BANGKOK, NEW YORK and SAN FRANCISCO.

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LOOK POONG SHAN, Chief Manager.

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	800,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL	19,780,000.00
RESERVE FUND	5,884,398.69

Head Office: PEKING.
Hongkong Branch: 4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking Business transacted.
Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Special facilities for domestic exchange.
TSUYEE PEI, Manager.
HONGKONG, January 16th, 1926. [38]

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NEDERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).

Established 1824.
Hongkong Branch established 1908.
Authorized Capital: Guilders 180,000,000

Paid-up Capital	80,000,000
Reserve Fund	20,538,891
Special Reserves	23,889,330

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Eastern Head Office: BATAVIA.

BRANCHES: Bandjermasin, Bandoeug, Bombay, Calcutta, Cherbon, Djember, Djokjakarta, The Hague, Kobe, Kota Radis, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pecalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam, Samarang, Shanghai, Singapore, Sourabaya, Soerakarta (Solo), Tegal, Tjilatjap and Weltevreden.

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BANKING BUSINESS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.
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"EUMAEUS" 9th Feb. Mars, L'Isle, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Dunkirk.
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"RECTOR" 3rd Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.
"PERSEUS" 9th Mar. Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg.

LIVERPOOL SERVICE.
"LAOMEDON" 5th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
"ANTIOCHUS" 20th Feb. Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow.
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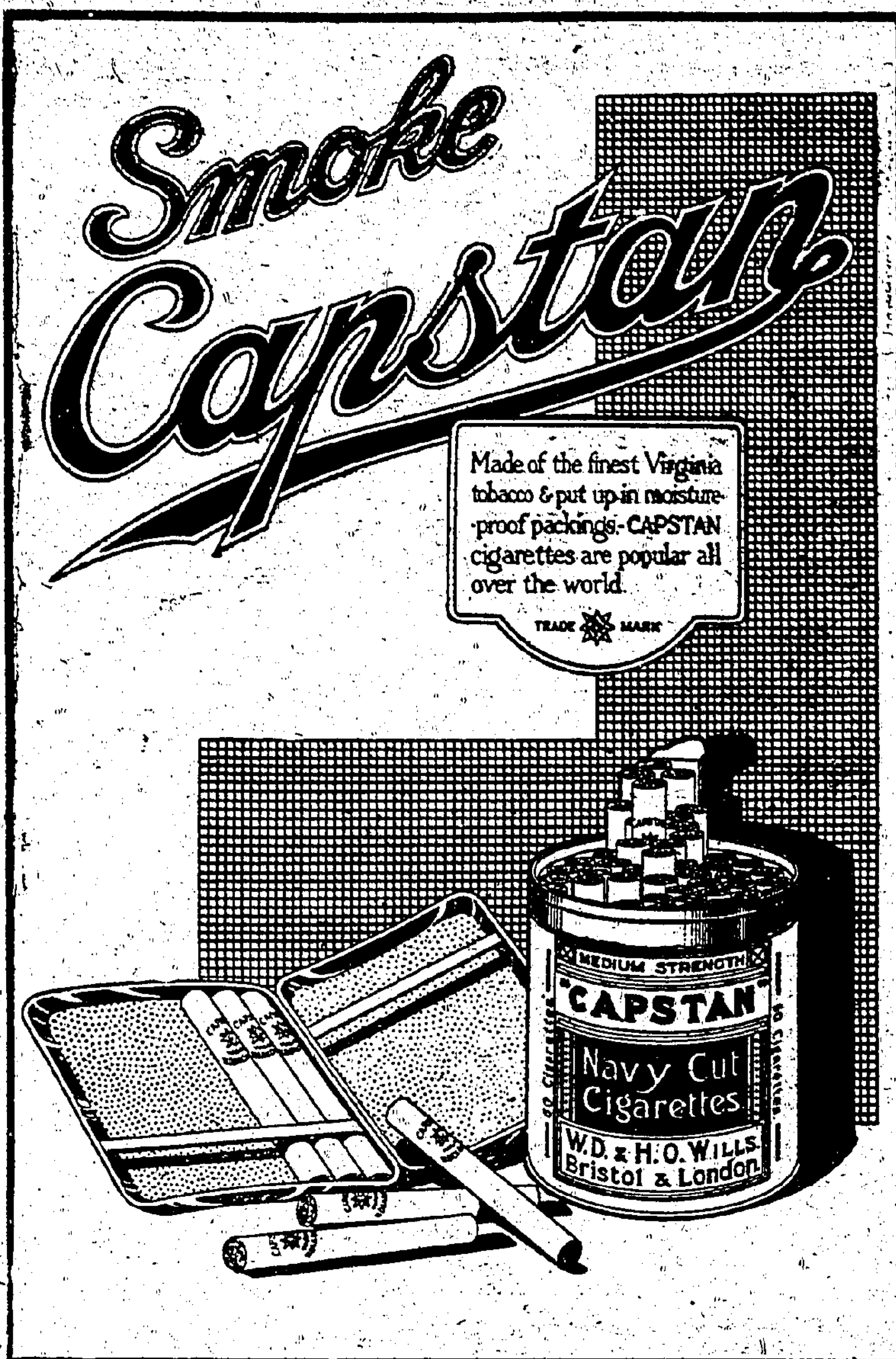
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